

The accounts of the Grand Scribe and Grand Treasurer were read, and ordered on file.

The following report was read and adopted :

The Standing Finance Committee report that they have examined the accounts and books of the Grand Scribe, and the Grand Treasurer's account, and find them correct.

The committee recommend the payment of the following account which appears to be correct, viz :

J. Bowes & Sons, for printing. . . . . £15 12 6

ROBERT BOAK,  
JOHN L. WHYTAL,  
R. H. WETMORE.

Halifax, 22nd October, 1860.

The following report from the Publication Committee was read :

The Publication Committee have to report that in consequence of the recommendation of the Grand Division at its last session, that the *Abstainer* should be continued, and the promise of increased activity in its behalf with which that recommendation was accompanied, the publisher has been induced to continue it for another year, at its present size and price. The circulation at present amounts to between 900 and 1000, which is rather more than was anticipated when the committee last reported; and the prospects of the paper are evidently improving, as a number of new friends have come forward with promises to labor for the enlargement of the subscription list. Much more, however, remains to be done before the *Abstainer* can be regarded as having been placed on a permanent footing, without speaking of increasing its size or frequency of issue; and the committee believe that no question of more importance demands our attention during the present session than that which regards the increase of its efficiency and the enlargement of its circulation.

The publisher states that he requires £200 to meet the expenses of publishing the present volume. If 100 individuals, Divisions, or Societies, would guarantee subscriptions to the amount of two pounds each, this amount would be at once secured. As a large number of Representatives from all parts of the Province will probably be present at this meeting of the Grand Division, strenuous exertions ought to be made to obtain as many of such guarantees as possible, for while £200 is indispensable,