

their lenity is occasioned by a fear of seeming to deal harshly with the Divisions under their charge.

Both in the report of the G. W. P. and of the G. S. reference is made to duties which properly devolve upon the D.G.W.P.'s and which have not hitherto been fulfilled, in all cases, as seems to be desirable. This is to be regretted. At the same time, your Committee feel that these brothers could, in many cases, offer strong reasons in justification of what at first sight might be viewed as neglect. Probably they have, in many cases, too little of the sympathy of Subordinate Divisions. They are often expected to perform much duty, at the expense of both time and money—while the Divisions for whose benefit they are labouring do not give them the encouragement to which they are entitled, and will allow them to incur expenses which they will not offer to liquidate, or, if they do, very probably, it is after that officer has been obliged to ask them for what he so well deserves, that it should have been tendered without any such demand being made.

There are other matters referred to in the report of the G. W. P. well deserving of notice, but they are of such a nature that your Committee cannot deal with them as they deserve without extending their report beyond what seems proper. They therefore close—expressing their earnest hope that the members of the Order in general may be deeply penetrated by a sense of the claims of our noble Cause and be led to acquit themselves like men sensible of the importance of the objects for which they are called to labour.

All which is respectfully submitted in L. P. and F.

GEORGE CHRISTIE.  
ROBERT BROWN.

Adopted.

The report of the Standing Committee on Constitutions and Bye-laws was taken up and on motion adopted.

Brother Thomas Dane, as chairman, presented the following report from the Special Committee to whom was referred the account of James Bowes & Sons, for printing the Athenæum Newspaper:—

TO THE GRAND DIVISION OF THE SONS OF TEMPERANCE OF  
NOVA SCOTIA.

The Committee appointed to report on the balance of account claimed against the Grand Division by James Bowes & Sons of