

The Committee would again express gratification at the present mode of keeping the books and money correspondence of the Grand Division, and would recommend undeviating abidance by punctuality and system, in this respect.

Signed, C. B. NAYLOR, Chairman.  
W. L. BELL,  
J. S. THOMPSON.

On motion—Bros. Milward, Zwicker, Blewitt, Howe and Uhlman, were appointed a Special Committee to whom be referred the Correspondence and Report of the Committee appointed at the Annual Session to obtain the services of a Lecturer and Agent.

The G. S. submitted his Report and Account, also the Treasurer's Account.

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Lunenburg, N. S., 27th April, 1853. }

*Grand Worthy Patriarch, Officers, and Brothers,*—The time having arrived when I must again appear before you to give an account of my stewardship, and afford such information as I possess relative to the working of our Order, I have much pleasure in testifying to its increase, notwithstanding the many and severe trials it has to contend with from foes without and within, for if all who joined our ranks remained faithful and true (which is the great secret) ere long we would become sufficiently powerful to compel the passing of a law to prohibit the manufacture and sale of intoxicating drinks, which has and is still carrying destruction into the bosom of thousands of families. It is to be regretted that the petitions to the Legislature upon this subject have hitherto met with so little success, and steps should be taken by the friends of the cause in each County to hold Conventions at an early day, that measures may be adopted for the successful canvass of each County, and a full expression of the people be had, and then send their petitions to their Representatives at the next session of the Legislature, demanding their support upon the floors of the House. Responsibility rests upon the friends of the cause in the Legislature; they should not wait for the petitions, but submit a Bill at an early period of the session for discussion, and their hands could be strengthened upon the petitions being presented.

It still becomes my duty to recommend the greatest economy being pursued by the Grand Division, for a large portion of this quarter's per centage has been absorbed in paying the balance of the debt due to the National Division, and the per centage to that body for the year ending 31st December last, and unless some of the more wealthy Divisions aid us in that balance still farther, it will cripple our finances for the year. The greater part of last year's bills remain unpaid, and it is quite evident that until they are liquidated, the utmost prudence should govern us, otherwise we shall increase our difficulties.