

CIRCULAR FROM GRAND DIVISION SONS OF TEMPER-
ANCE, STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE, RESPECTING
THE ADMISSION OF COLORED PERSONS INTO
THE ORDER.

OFFICE OF THE GRAND SCRIBE, }
NASHUA, August 20th, 1851. }

To the Grand Division of Canada West.

WORTHY BROTHERS,—At the Session of this Grand Division held in Concord July 23rd, the following resolutions were adopted, and a copy ordered to be forwarded to each Subordinate Division under this jurisdiction, to each Grand Division, and to the National Division.

Resolved, That the recent vote of the National Division in refusing to repeal its previous action regarding the admission of colored persons as members of the Order of the Sons of Temperance, renders it necessary for us to reiterate our former assertion that this action "is an attempt to create a rule that is in no way authorized by, or admissible under the Constitution of the legislative head of the Order," but on the contrary, in the language of P. M. W. P. Carey we believe "our labors of love and mercy know no limits but those which prescribe the wretchedness of man," and "to bind the Whole Family of Man with the triple cord of Love, Purity, and Fidelity, and to make men better, and consequently happier, is our high and holy calling."

Resolved, That this Grand Division hereby denies the legality of the rule of the National Division prohibiting the admission of colored persons as members of our Order; and therefore all Divisions under this jurisdiction WILL BE SUSTAINED in admitting all worthy persons as members of the Order, whether they be white or black, whether they be the Red Men of the Forest or the Colored Sons of Africa.

With respect yours truly,

In Love, Purity and Fidelity,

L. T. MIRRELL, *Grand Scribe*.

Moved to adjourn until 2 o'clock, P. M.,—*Carried*.

Grand Division met pursuant to adjournment at 2 o'clock, P. M.

Opened in due form.

Grand Worthy Patriarch presiding.

Officers absent, G. W. A., P. G. W. P., G. Scribe, G. Chaplain,
Grand Sentinel.