

GRAND SCRIBE'S REPORT—OMISSION.

In preparing the Grand Scribe's Report for printed journal, the following paragraphs were accidentally omitted. They should have appeared between 6th and 7th paragraphs on page 267 :

It was decided that Lady visitors by our laws, as they now exist, are entitled to a trial whenever a charge is preferred against them.

There were four appeal cases before the meeting the decisions on which confirmed the following principles :—

1st.—That in the absence of the *Junior P. W. P.* of a Division, the chair of *P. W. P.* is vacant, and the *W. P.* may call any *P. W. P.* to the post, at each and every meeting that it remains so vacant.

2d.—That a Grand Division having decided to hold a Session at a certain place, has no right to change the location of the Session, unless previous notice of such intention had been given.

3d.—That a member of a Grand Division who has been expelled from his Subordinate Division, has no right to a seat in the Grand Division, although he had appealed from the action of his Subordinate Division, confirming Rule XVI., Constitution of Grand Divisions, which says :—“ All decisions of the acting body are to be and remain in force until reversed by the superior body in the case.”

4th.—That a Grand Division has no “ power to add to or arbitrarily say what the By-Laws of Subordinate Divisions shall contain, provided they do not conflict with the Constitution.”

Several amendments to the Constitution and Ritual of Subordinate Divisions were proposed, but none adopted.

The question of separate Divisions for the colored race, under the name of “ African Sons of Temperance,” which was before the National Division last year came up for discussion during the Session. The subject was referred to a Committee composed of one representative from each jurisdiction. Three reports were presented from the Committee, which, with the Resolutions on the subject, were referred to *P. M. W. P.* Samuel L. Tilly, of New Brunswick, *P. M. W. P.* Samuel F. Cary, of Ohio, and *P. G. W. P.* John C. Sims, of Pennsylvania, to report at the next Annual Session.

The *M. W. P.*, in his Report, recommended a per capita tax for the purpose of raising a fund for the promotion of the interests of the Order. On this subject as well as that of a National Organ, the Committee reported the following Resolutions, which were adopted :—

Resolved, That Grand Divisions under this jurisdiction be, and hereby are, authorized to levy a per capita tax, to form a fund to be expended under the direction of the Grand Divisions, for the propagation and perpetuation of the Order and the cause of Temperance.