

P. G. W. P. Wm. M. Brown moved the following, which was seconded by brother George Reading, and adopted:

*Resolved*,—That the Subordinate Divisions be requested to forward to the Grand Scribe, as early as convenient, whatever sum they may contribute, to enable the Grand Division to send two Representatives to the next meeting of the National Division; to induce, if possible, the assembling of that body in the City of Halifax, in 1860.

On motion it was

*Resolved*,—That the delegates to the next Session of the National Division be chosen at three o'clock this afternoon.

Brother C. Blanchard presented the following report from Committee on Appeals:

The Committee on Appeals have to report as follows:

The only Appeal before your Committee was from Canard Division on a question which, your Committee regret, was not settled amicably by the Brethren of the Division, without appeal to any other authority. It was concerning operation of Bye-Laws and payment of dues, which come very directly within the jurisdiction of the Subordinate Division.

A resolution passed Canard Division, on the first evening of a term providing that all brethren square on the books receive the pass-word.

An amendment, which was negatived, proposed that a former decision be abided by, which decision is said to be in accordance with the Bye-Law on the subject, and to provide that the dues of the ensuing term be paid, before members become entitled to the pass-word.

The quoted Bye-Law says, that "one shilling and three pence be paid, by each member, on the first night of the quarter, and until arrears are paid no brother shall receive the pass-word."

The question turns on, "what are arrears?" and this is liable to controversy.

The resolution does not seem unreasonable, and it is in accordance with the practice of some divisions.

The amendment appears more in accordance with the letter of the Bye-Law, and with a precedent of the division, as referred to by the appealing brother.

The Committee are disinclined to recommend peremptory decision on a question of this kind, which, as before stated, comes so much within the control of the Subordinate Division,—and they, therefore, report it as advisable, that the appeal be referred back to Canard Division, accompanied by a copy of this report.

CHAS. BLANCHARD, Chairman.  
J. S. THOMPSON