

vided that no alteration be made in the prescribed forms for examining candidates, and for administering the obligations of the Order. A conception so large and liberal obviates all difficulties, and leaves nothing to be desired.

Rule 15 of the Constitution of Grand Divisions, which directed that not more than five cents per quarter should be paid by each subordinate division, for every member whose name was found on the F. S.'s books, has been altered, by substituting "twenty" cents for "five," and it has been declared that this payment shall not be made for suspended members.

The resolution passed by this Grand Division at its quarterly session in January last, respecting an alteration in the constitution of subordinate divisions, giving them power to regulate their entire financial affairs, was submitted to the National Division, and its request was granted—if the notes of the proceedings taken by your representatives are correct. But as there is no reference to it in the Synopsis furnished by the Most Worthy Scribe, I cannot speak positively on the subject, and must therefore refer the Grand Division to the Journal of the National Division, shortly to be issued. It is certain, however, that an alteration has been made in Article 5 of the Constitution of Subordinate divisions, Sect. 2, whereby the amount of initiation fees and weekly dues, in regard to "persons of old age, or under disability or disease," may be regulated by each division, at its discretion. This is manifestly an improvement, as heretofore the persons in question have been compelled to pay the same amount of weekly dues as other members, although they receive no benefits.

Sect. 1 of Article 5 has also been altered, and the age of admission into subordinate divisions is now "sixteen" instead of "eighteen" years; but with this proviso, "that no youth shall have the right to vote in division on any proposition, or hold office, or receive the Degrees, until he shall have arrived at the age of eighteen years; and to this end, on the proposal of any youth under eighteen years of age, the day and year of his birth shall be stated as near as may be."

An alteration has been made to Article 9, Sect. 1, and a brother is now eligible to the office of W. P. if he has served two terms in a subordinate office or offices, "or as chaplain."

Article 10 has been revised and reconstructed. It now reads thus:—

**ARTICLE X—Section 1.**—It is the duty of every member who has evidence that another has violated Article 2, to prefer the charge and specify the offence to the Division within three weeks after coming into possession of such evidence.

**Sec. 2.**—The charge for violation of Article II, shall be presented in writing, duly signed, when it shall be referred to a Committee of five members, who shall as soon as practicable, summon the parties and investigate the matter.