

he being about to remove to the United States. The resignation was by vote accepted, and the Grand Division elected Representative Thomas Conron, of Chebucto, No. 7, to fill the vacancy.

Rep. Thomas B. Flint, Secretary of the Local Temperance Committee, requested the appointment of a Co-operating Committee of the Grand Division. The request was granted, and Charles Cahan, jr., Israel Harding, Custos, and Rev. P. R. Foster, were appointed.

A communication from the Board of Managers of the Band of Hope in connection with "Hope" Division, No. 154, was read and referred to the Committee on Communications.

The following Report from the Standing Committee on Appeals was read, and by vote adopted.

To the Grand Worthy Patriarch and Brothers of the Grand Division of the Sons of Temperance of Nova Scotia.

WORTHY BROTHERS—Your Committee on Appeals beg leave to report that they have had under consideration an appeal from the Recording Scribe of Home Division, No. 169, located at Smith's Cove, in the County of Digby, which appeal is from the action of said Division.

Cause:—Home Division ceased working in June 1871, was re-organized on 6th Aug. 1873. That on September 17th, of that year, the R. S. was instructed to prepare a copy of the Constitution for the signatures of the members, and have it filled out with their names.

That on November 5th, Home Division by majority resolved that the R. S. be directed to transfer the names of those members who had previously signed the Constitution, from the old Roll of the Division, to the book he had written.

Hence this appeal.

Your committee are of opinion that to all intents the Charter of Home Division was forfeited to the Grand Division.

That the bestowment and acceptance of said Charter on the 6th August, 1873 was purely voluntary on the part of this Grand Division, and the several individual persons who agreed to accept and work under an *old* instead of a *new* Charter. That being admitted, it follows that no acceptance would be constitutional or binding, which did not include the *personal Signature* of each individual, whether that person had been in years past a member or was about to become a member, seeing the chartered rights of former members had lapsed, and all rights, privileges and honors earned in or bestowed by the former Home Division were null and void.

Your Committee while recommending that the appeal be sustained and Home Division instructed to adhere to its first resolution—not yet rescinded—would express regret that this Grand Division should have to devote attention to matters which the ordinary principles which guide and bind us in every day contracts, ought to have settled in the Subordinate Division.

Submitted in Love, Purity and Fidelity.

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