

such a course, yet with a desire not to come into collision with any one brother of the Order, and to avoid disturbance, I consented to leave the matter to competent persons to be subsequently chosen for the purpose. This arrangement however became ineffectual, on account of the difficulty which subsequently arose in getting persons to act in the matter. At this time many of the brethren, having become impressed with the belief that it was an infraction of the Constitution to introduce such matters into the Division, determined to oppose its further interference in the matter. The majority of the Division claiming the right to settle the question, subsequently however appointed another committee for that purpose. The W. P. who then occupied the Chair, finding himself overruled in this and other matters, and finding that he could not acquiesce with the decision of the majority and fulfil the duty he conceived he owed the Order, was constrained to leave the Chair. Another W. P. was then chosen, the matter again taken up and the result was my expulsion from the Division.

Such was, shortly, the action of Albert Division in relation to myself, and against which I claim the privilege of appealing to the Grand Division, to which body I look for a constitutional investigation and action in the matter.

I remain your obedient servant,

THOMAS KNOWLES.

B.

To the G. W. P. of the Sons of Temperance of Nova Scotia.

RESPECTED BROTHER,—

We, the Agricola Division, No. 72, have heard it reported that the National Division lately passed a resolution, to the effect that Subordinate Divisions might have the power of lowering the amounts of the benefits and monthly dues. If this be the case, we wish to avail ourselves of the liberty of reducing our weekly benefits to a sum not less than 7s. 6d., our Funeral benefits half the amount now received, and our monthly dues to a sum not less than 8d.

And I write by the command of the Division, respectfully requesting to be informed by the Grand Division, if we will be permitted to make said alteration in our rate of payments.

Very respectfully yours in Love, Purity and Fidelity.

WILLIAM FULTON,

R. S. of the Agricola Division, No. 72.

Stewiacke, December 10th, 1849.

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KENTVILLE, 29th November, 1849.

To Oak Division, No. 43, of the Order of the Sons of Temperance.

The Committee appointed upon the general state of the Order, having met and carefully perused the journals of the annual session of the National Division for the present year, and having given our