

vantageous, giving a greater degree of freedom of action, and affording an opportunity to increase the efficiency of the Subordinate Divisions.

Considering the abounding of intemperance and the relapse of many to fatal drinking habits, your Committee see reasons for continuing the agitation for a Prohibitory Law, but more especially do your Committee urge upon the consideration of Subordinate Divisions, the necessity of holding public meetings in every locality for the progress of the temperance cause, and in every case make arrangements for presenting the pledge of total abstinence for signature.

The success and permanency of our order depends on the zeal, unity and constancy of all its members. Let us therefore go forth to our different localities determined to leave nothing undone which can be done to secure advancement and success.

All which is respectfully submitted in L. P. & F.,

WILLIAM SCOTT,
ALEX. WALKER,
JONATHAN GILMAN.

On motion the Report was discussed in sections and adopted.

The Committee on appeals presented the following Report :—

CLARENCEVILLE, October 16th, 1856.

APPEALS.

To the Grand Worthy Patriarch, Officers & Brothers :

We, your Committee on appeals, have examined the papers in the case of Bro. A. Smeaton against the action of Gough Division, and find that it was moved and carried by a *majority vote* to omit all the ceremonies except the examination and the administration of the pledge, in the case of the admission of a brother. Brother Smeaton appeals from this action of the Gough Division, inasmuch as the decision ought to have been by a *two-third* vote, and making this case exceptional from their general usage, and thus making a precedent for future innovations of the same kind, and for these reasons your Committee beg to submit the following :—

Resolved,—That the appeal be sustained.

Respectfully submitted, in L. P. & F.,

WM. SELLARS,
J. H. GILMAN,
JOHN O'CONNOR,
HENRY CHILLINGSWORTH,
W. M. MACFIE.

On motion to adopt, it was moved in amendment,

“ That the Report be referred back to the Committee, so that they get further information on the subject, and report at next session of this Grand Division.”