

Communications were read from—

- 1.—Rev. Dr. McDonald, District Deputy of Cape Breton, stating that he and two other Deputies, at the united request of all parties interested, had investigated the difficulty existing among some of the members of Bethlehem Division No. 89 and that they had given a decision to which all them had acquiesced ;
- 2.—Deputy Lewis, of Bethlehem Division, giving a similar account of the settlement of the differences.

After some explanation by G. S. and reference to the Journal of Annual Session it was

Resolved, That the subject be considered as settled by the course adopted by the parties interested.

- 3.—The Recording Scribe of Rising Sun Division cancelling credentials of a member of this G. D. The name ordered to be erased and the letter placed on file.
- 4.—The Most Worthy Patriarch as follows :—

NATIONAL DIVISION OF NORTH AMERICA.

*Office of Most Worthy Patriarch,
Washington, D. C., March 25th, 1875.*

J. PARSONS, ESQ., G. S.,
Halifax, Nova Scotia,—

Dear Brother:—Your favor of 20th inst. is this morning received. To your question, "Where does the revocation of withdrawal card place the person holding such card?" I answer—

1st, The granting of a card severs the member's connection with the Division. and he can re-enter it only by proposition and election—not by revocation of card.

2nd, The holder of a card, not being a member of any Division, is entitled to no rights and privileges in the Order except such as he enjoys through possession of the card; therefore

3rd, The revocation of the card deprives him of all rights and privileges enjoyed under it, and of course severs his connection with the Order.

I think it would be unwise to apply this decision to any case already settled by a sub-Division, as there has heretofore been no decision of the point presented, by the National Body or its officers.

Fraternally yours,

F. M. BRADLEY, M. W. P.

which was ordered to be placed on the file.