

the motion as being unconstitutional. At another meeting a motion was carried "that the Brothers who acknowledged drinking Ginger Wine be allowed two weeks to come forward and re-sign the Constitution Book." D. L. WILLIAMS is then reported to have come forward and acknowledged having used Ginger Wine; and it was thereafter moved "that his name be erased, and that he be reinstated by re-signing the Constitution," which was carried. At the next meeting it was moved "that the subject be referred to the Grand Worthy Patriarch, the Division and the offending Brothers to abide by the decision," which was also carried—C. B. PIKE and D. L. WILLIAMS objecting. Then it was moved "that C. B. PIKE and D. L. WILLIAMS, in consequence of not complying with the motion made and carried, that if they do not re-sign the Constitution Book, nor abide by the decision of the Grand Worthy Patriarch, that they be expelled," which was carried, and the gentlemen expelled accordingly. Such seems to be the curious position of this matter. No dates are given.

To your Committee it is clear that the use of Ginger Wine by a Brother is a violation of Article 2 of the Constitution; and the Constitution provides that four weeks shall be allowed an offending Brother to re-sign the Constitution before being expelled. And in view of all the facts pertaining to the case, your Committee are of the opinion that Messrs. PIKE and WILLIAMS be leniently dealt with; that they be not so summarily discarded as the majority of the members of Franklin Division have decided, but that the Division be instructed to proceed against the offenders anew, according to the prescribed form, and that the Brothers be allowed to re-sign the Constitution. At the same time your Committee hope these Brothers will repent and improve.

Your Committee have had also under consideration the Appeal of Brother JACKSON against the action of Orillia Division, in deciding that it was legal and constitutional for Female Visitors to belong to other Temperance Societies. Your Committee believe the action of Orillia Division to be perfectly correct, and would recommend that the appeal be dismissed.

The Resolution of Nithburg Division has also engaged the attention of your Committee, which requests that measures for the admission of females to full membership in Subordinate Divisions, to take part in the business, and share the honors and labors of office, be adopted by this Grand Division. On this Resolution your Committee would report that the request is one not at the disposal of this Grand Division, and would refer the Brothers to the head of the Order, the National Division.

Several Communications referred to your Committee require no comment, as the subjects referred to therein pertain more to the past than the future.

The prospectus of "The Crusader", a national organ of our Order, edited by General CARY and JOHN MOFFATT, has been laid before your Committee. No copy of the journal has yet appeared, but from the well-known literary and scientific attainments of its editors, your Committee have no hesitation in recommending it to the attention of the members of our Order in Western Canada. One of these Brothers has special claims upon our consideration, which should not be lightly regarded.

All which is respectfully submitted in L. P. and F.

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