

Which, on motion, was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

A communication was read from Aurora Division, No. 70, asking the opinion of the Grand Division, on a Constitutional point; also from Grand Division of Pennsylvania in reference to fixing the location of the National Division.

Referred to the Committee on Communications.

An appeal against the decision of the New Caledonia Division, No. 14, was submitted and referred to the proper Committee.

The Report of the Standing Committee on Bye-Laws was read, as follows:—

*Halifax, N. S. 21st April, 1855.*

The standing Committee on Constitutions and Bye-Laws have had submitted to them for examination, the Bye-Laws of Avon Division No. 12, New Glasgow No. 17, Mainmast No. 57, and Margaretville No. 80 on which they would report the following alterations.

AVON DIVISION.—The words “provided that we grant no benefits, either weekly or funeral, to any brother who is two years in arrears,” proposed as an addition to the second clause of Sect. 4 of Art. 3, your committee deem unnecessary, as the qualification of members entitled to benefits is distinctly stated in Sects. 1 and 3, and in the first clause of Sect. 4, of the same Article. Were the proposed addition adopted it would conflict with the above named Sections, and difficulties in awarding benefits would ensue.

The words “Constitution and,” in Sect. 3 of Art. 4, to be omitted, as Divisions have no power to remit penalties imposed by the Constitution.

The words “for every week thereafter” in Sect. 1 of Art. 5, to be omitted, as your Committee are of opinion that a fine for an offence is sufficient, without being increased every week for an indefinite period.

The words “in accordance with Art. 7, of the Constitution, and Art. 2 of the Revised Rules,” to be added to Sect. 2 of Art. 5.

NEW GLASGOW DIVISION.—Art. 2, Sect. 1.—The words “no benefit members will be admitted” to be stricken out, and the