

The Committee on Constitution and Regulation submitted the following:

HALIFAX, N. S., March 13, 1868.

*To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia,—*

Your committee beg to report that they have carefully examined the Bye-Laws of the following Lodges, viz.: Keith Lodge, No. 3; Eureka Lodge, No. 13; Acacia Lodge, No. 14; Royal Albert Lodge, No. 18, and would recommend that they be adopted as revised.

Your committee also beg to submit, in regard to the special duty assigned them in relation to that part of the Grand Master's Address referring to the evils of intemperance, the following resolution: That it shall be the duty of all Lodges under this jurisdiction whenever the evils of intemperance shall appear among any of its members, forthwith to refer the case to the Investigating Committee of the Lodge, or to some other, should there be no such committee; and it shall be the duty of the said committee forthwith to wait upon the offending brother and forewarn him of the evil consequences resulting from such conduct, and if the brother be not reclaimed from the vice after a reasonable time, the secretary of the Lodge shall be directed to summon the offender to appear before his Lodge and answer for such un-Masonic conduct, and unless the offending brother shall satisfy the Lodge that he will abandon these habits, (and in that case they shall have power to stay further proceedings until sufficient time be given him to thoroughly test the sincerity of his promise of amendment,) the Lodge shall proceed to suspend the brother for a limited time, and when that time shall have expired,