

GRAND DIVISION ROOM, TEMPERANCE HALL,

*Halifax, N. S., 28th October, 1874.*

The special Committee on Constitution and By-Laws beg leave to Report that they have had under consideration a communication from Hope Division No. 154, asking the Grand Division to permit that Division to allow members under eighteen years of age to vote in the Division.

Your Committee recommend that permission be granted to Hope Division, by this Grand Division, to enact a By-Law allowing members between the ages of fourteen and eighteen the privilege of voting in the Division in accordance with Article 3, Constitution of Subordinate Divisions.

Submitted in L. P. &amp; F.,

JOHN HEENAN.  
WM. WILLIAMS,  
WM. MURRAY.

Moved by R. S. Blois, seconded by G. Cond., that the report be adopted; after a lengthy discussion, and several motions had been offered and withdrawn, the original motion was put and declared *lost* by a large majority.

The Committee also presented the subjoined report on Constitutional questions :

TO THE GRAND DIVISION IN ANNUAL SESSION, ASSEMBLED :

The same Committee beg leave to report on the Questions asked by Bro. Joseph Halfyard of New Calcedonia Division, No. 14.

1st Question. Can a Division admit Females to full membership without permission of the Grand Division.

Answer. Yes, the Grand Division having once agreed to the admission, it is only necessary for the Subordinate Divisions to take action in the matter.

2nd Question. Can a Division have different fees and dues for Male and Female members.

Answer. Yes, as the financial affairs of each Division are entirely under its own control.

3rd Question. Is it in order to pass a vote to remit fees and dues before they are paid.

Answer. That matter is under the Rules of the Order of the Subordinate Divisions with which the Grand Division does not wish to interfere.

With reference to the Questions submitted by Bro. Robert Theakston of Athenæum Division No. 96,

1st. Is there any Law or Bye-Law to prevent a member from being a member of more than one Subordinate Division at the same time, if so name where the Law is to be found.

2nd. Is it in accordance with the Constitution and Bye-Laws of Subordinate Division for the resignation of a member, to lie on the table longer than one week, if so how long may it remain before it shall be accepted.

Your Committee would say that the answer to the 1st will be found in Rule 21, of the Constitution of the Grand Division and the answer to the 2nd will be found in Chapter 8, Section 1, Code of Laws of Subordinate Divisions.

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