

Resolved, That Chapter IV, Section 1, of the Code of Laws does not apply to the election of Trustees, but only to the constitutional officers of a Division.

Resolved, That the Ritual of 1872 gives us no right to interfere with any member's political or religious opinions; but political action for Prohibition may be discussed; and religion is not to be discarded.

Delegates were chosen to the National Temperance Convention, to be held at Saratoga, New York, U. S., on Tuesday, Aug. 26, 1873.

The Committee on the subject of a National Division for the Dominion of Canada, presented the following Report, which was adopted: -

The Grand Divisions of Newfoundland, Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and Quebec, by large majorities, ask for a Charter for such new National Division, while the Grand Division of Ontario, representing about one-half of the Order in the British Provinces, is not yet prepared to accept that solution of the difficulties, which have impelled the other Provincial Grand Divisions to make the request.

Your Committee are fully assured, that every Son of Temperance in the United States will feel a pang of regret, that their brethren in the British Provinces deem it necessary to leave them, and sever those pleasant relations which have so long subsisted in this National Division, and will part with them, if part they must, with great reluctance; and we are equally assured that those brethren who desire the separation, as deeply regret its (to them) apparent necessity, and if the separation must come, it will be from necessity, or want of fraternal feeling in our ranks.

We yet are assured, that the members of this National Division feel, that if our Canadian brethren were entirely united in their request for a new National Division, it would not be their duty to resist too strongly the feeling, or deny, or delay their request.

Your Committee have endeavored to devise some plan, by which the objects desired by the Provincial brethren might be attained without separation; or, if a new National Division must be formed, the unity of the Order on this continent might be preserved; but without success, in the short time we have had to consider it.

Under the circumstances, your Committee would recommend, that the several Provincial Grand Divisions, at their next annual sessions, appoint delegates, who shall meet at some convenient point in the Dominion of Canada, at the call of the Most Worthy Patriarch, to consider the whole question of separation, and, if convinced of its necessity, prepare and present to this National Division, at its next session, at Ottawa, a plan for carrying out the matter, which shall, so far as may be possible, provide for the interests of the Order, and of the cause of Temperance,—to promote which, alone, exists the Order, and its National, Grand and Subordinate Divisions.

This Report is signed by Charles A. Everett, New Brunswick; Henry D. Cushing, Massachusetts; David Marshall, Nova Scotia; E. Emerick Sell, South Carolina; Edward Carswell, Ontario; R. M. Foust, Pennsylvania, and John J. Bell, New Hampshire.

The following decisions of the M. W. P. were confirmed:—

1. After the resignation of a member has been fully accepted, his connection with his Division is terminated, and the action of the Division cannot at any time be reconsidered; that he can only be restored to his membership in the manner provided by Section 2, Chapter VIII, of Code of Laws, within three months after the acceptance of his resignation; and after the expiration of three months, by being proposed anew. That he is required to pay his dues only to the time of the acceptance of his resignation, and if he is re-admitted at any time, either as provided in Section 2 of Chapter VIII. of Code of Laws, or by re-proposition, he must pay his Initiation Fee, and his dues from the date of his re-admission only.

2. That a Subordinate Division has the right to enact a bye-law, depriving a member who has violated article second, and been retained, of benefits.