

A similar application was made by the Grand Chaplain, he being a P. W. P. of late "Western Home" Division No. 307.

On motion the card was granted.

P. G. W. P. Taylor read report from Standing Committee on appeals, which, on motion, was adopted, viz :

HALIFAX, APRIL 25TH, 1870.

The Standing Committee on Appeals have had submitted to them two appeals. The first is from Charles G. Buchanan, against action of North Sydney Division. On looking over the papers placed in their hands, your committee are of opinion that the subject matter of the Appeal is one that should have been settled by the Subordinate Division concerned.

We would therefore recommend that the Appeal be dismissed, and your committee relieved from further consideration of the same.

The second Appeal is from Isaac Baird, and F. A. Lawrence against action of Truro Division. The appellants in this case take exception to a decision of the W. P. on a question as to the eligibility of members under 18 years of age to certain offices. On reference to Section 3, Article 4, of Constitution of Subordinate Divisions, your Committee find that the decision of the W. P. of Truro Division was in accordance with the Constitution, viz : that members under 18 years of age were eligible for election to offices other than those named in the section of the article referred to.

We would therefore recommend that the Appeal against Truro Division be dismissed, and your Committee relieved from further consideration of the same.

Respectfully submitted, in L. P. & F.

JOHN HEENAN, *Chairman.*

WILLIAM MURRAY,

PATR. MONAGHAN,

HENRY A. TAYLOR.

The Grand Conductor introduced Representatives, Manning Brown of No. 95 ; Hugh M. Irvine, Wm. Amberman and Albert E. Amberman of No. 14 ; Reuben C. Raymond of No. 169, who were initiated.

Bro. C. E. DeWolfe presented a report from Committee on communications, which was adopted, viz :

The Committee upon Communications, to whom has been referred the communication of the Grand Worthy Patriarch, Bro. the Revd. Leonard Gatez, beg leave respectfully to report, that it is with great regret they learn from that letter, that the onerous duties of his profession as a Minister of the Gospel will prevent him from filling, at this session, his place as the head of our Order in this Province.

We cannot concur in that modest estimate of himself contained in these lines, "I am satisfied that my absence will be a greater loss to myself than to the Grand Division;" for *we are satisfied* that had the G. W. P. been able to be present, he would have greatly *cheered* the Temperance men gathered at this quarterly session, he would have *strengthened* them by his counsels, *inspired* them with greater energy, and *interested* and *instructed* them by his earnest and persuasive appeals.

We have read with lively pleasure the following statement of our esteemed Grand Worthy Patriarch; "There is a steady growth of Faith in our principles and our aims. Our cause is more respected in many localities than ever before, and an increasing desire is manifesting itself to prohibit the traffic."