

as it is with so much good to our fallen humanity. Let every Brother and Lady Visitor give it their prayerful consideration; make *their giving* a matter of conscience, and our Agency fund will speedily be replenished.

Submitted in L., P. and F.,

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Halifax, January 18, 1868.

Referred to Committee on State of the Order.

The following Report was read and adopted:—

TO THE GRAND WORTHY PATRIARCH AND THE MEMBERS OF THE
GRAND DIVISION OF NOVA SCOTIA.

At the last annual session of the Grand Division P.G.W.A. Barratt submitted the following question,—“Has the G.W.P., either by himself or Deputy, the right to ask for the chair of a Subordinate Division,—and when so asked for, is the Worthy Patriarch bound to give it to him?”

The foregoing question was, by vote of the Grand Division, referred to the undersigned Committee, with instructions to furnish a reply thereto. Our answer is as follows:

We do not find, in the “book of Constitutions,” or in the duties imposed upon Grand Officers, any recognition of such a right; nor can we imagine any advantage that would result from conferring such a right upon a G.W.P. or his Deputy. The B. B. lays down the form for receiving the G.W.P. or his Deputy when “visiting” a Subordinate Division; and in these instructions we find that he is to be conducted to the chair of the P.W.P. as a “post of honour.” Of course when either of these officers visits a Division for the purpose of installing officers, he occupies the Worthy Patriarch’s chair. But the question proposed can have no reference to such a case—for the installing officer has entered the Division Room invited by the statement of the W.P., that “the Division are ready to receive him,” to perform the duty already stated by the Grand Conductor.

The rights of Subordinate Divisions are just as sacred as are those of either the Grand Divisions or the National Division. And if a Subordinate Division should violate its obligations to the Grand Division, or the G.W.P., or his Deputy, our Constitution furnishes appropriate checks; and just because the G.D. has all the power necessary for enforcing its authority, we should jealously guard against any usurpation of power not plainly authorized by the Constitution and rules of our Order. We, therefore, answer the question of P.G.W.A. Barratt, by saying that *neither the G.W.P. nor his Deputy has the right to ask for the chair of a Subordinate Division.*

Respectfully submitted in L., P. and F.,

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