

combinations and intrigues and the exertion of powerful influences, the result of which has been the defeat of many of the friends of Temperance and the return of a majority favourable to the desired repeal. The conflict will now have to be resumed, and our brethren in New Brunswick as well as ourselves are called on to devise measures for energetic warfare. These postponements and delays, vexatious as they appear, may be productive of good effects. Our principles will be more extensively disseminated, and the people will be better prepared, when the final triumph shall be achieved, to secure its efficiency and permanence.

At the late Annual Session of the National Division, held at Lexington, Kentucky, certain alterations were made in the Constitution of Subordinate Divisions, which I will proceed to lay before you.

Members may hereafter be admitted at fourteen years of age, subject, however, to the same limitations of rights and privileges as now exist with regard to minors. Female visitors of the same age may also be admitted.

Section 5 of Article 4 has been altered so as to read thus:— "He (that is the F. S.) shall, previous to the close of his term, notify every member who is three (instead of "two") months in arrears, of the amount due by him to the Division, adding ten (instead of "twelve and a half") cents to each notice."

It was resolved, "That when Subordinate Divisions fail to elect Representatives to the Grand Divisions at the proper time, the Grand Divisions may, at their option, admit Representatives elected subsequently; provided their credentials are in other respects regular."

It was enacted, "That the amount of initiatory fees and weekly dues shall be regulated by each Division," and the said enactment now forms Sect. I. of Article VI.

The right of voting has been conceded to female visitors, as far as regards the admission of other females; and it was also resolved, "That Subordinate Divisions have the right to permit their female visitors to be present during the working of the Degrees, upon being properly obligated."

A proposal to give power to admit females to full membership was carried by a majority, the numbers being, Yeas, 21, Nays 19; but as constitutional changes require a two-third vote, the alteration does not take effect.

Several Grand Divisions having requested the restoration of