

The following report of last year's Standing Committee on Appeals, which was under consideration and came to the Grand Division too late to be presented to the Annual Session, was here read and adopted :

G. W. P. and Members.—

The Standing Appeal Committee would report as follows :

{ F. Longstaff,
vs.
{ Union Division, No. 6.

CASE.—Union Division elected a member under eighteen years of age, A. R. S., which the appellant alleges is in conflict with that provision of the Constitution which prohibits members under that age from voting; and which, consequently, in his opinion, alike prevents them from holding office. Your Committee finds by reference to N. D. Manual of Decisions, page 34, that we cannot require any other qualification; and therefore submit the following for adoption :

Resolved, That this appeal be dismissed and the action of Union Division sustained.

Submitted in L. P. and F.

The Grand Worthy Patriarch read his report, together with interesting extracts from the reports of County Deputies, all which were referred to the Committee on the State of the Order. The report is :—

Officers and Representatives :—

I am glad to meet and extend fraternal greetings to so many faithful workers in this Grand Division of the temperance army, and trust we assemble deeply sensible of our indebtedness to the Giver of all good, animated by one desire, the glory of God and the good of our fellow men, and inspired by one hope, the speedy and complete annihilation of the Rum traffic, and the entire disuse of alcoholic beverages by our people.

I believe the Order of the Sons of Temperance, well calculated to secure the end we have in view, and rejoice in the marked success which has hitherto attended our efforts. The history of the Order in this Province has been marked by steady progression; and pleasing results on the public mind—in respect to the principles we advocate—are increasingly apparent. Steadily are the forces opposed to us being pushed back, with ranks diminished; while some sections have become entirely free from the curse of Rum. We have under God accomplished much: very much yet remains for us to do. There is work for every member of our Order, in every section of the Jurisdiction—work that will remain undone, unless *every member* is faithful. The present is an important crisis in the temperance reform in this Dominion, and if we would retain the ground already won in the direction of the