

ORIENTAL DIVISION, SONS OF TEMPERANCE.

Pictou, N. S., Oct. 21st, 1850.

Whereas, it is the belief of this Division that God made of one blood all nations of men that dwell on the face of all the earth, and also that God created all men free and equal; and whereas M. W. P. Saml. F. Cary unequivocally and distinctly asserts in his report to the seventh annual session of the National Division held in Boston, and which assertions, we have heretofore believed to be the genuine and sincere sentiments of all Sons of Temperance, viz.:—"that unlike any civil or ecclesiastical body of this vast country, we come with no sectional feeling to gratify, no party interest to subserve. We know no north no south,—our efforts are confined to no geographical boundaries—our labours of love and mercy know no limits but those which prescribe the wretchedness of man. To bind the family of man with the triple cord of love, purity, and fidelity."

Now these being the sentiments of us all, therefore,

Resolved, That to impose on Subordinate Divisions any other test of membership, than that which is already prescribed by the Constitution, is unnecessary and unwarrantable—an injudicious innovation which will eventually prove detrimental to the stability of our Order.

Resolved, That the National Division of North America in prescribing the colour of skin as a test of fitness or unfitness for membership into Subordinate Divisions, has outraged propriety, justice, and reason, stultified itself and nullified the declaration above cited of M. W. P. Samuel F. Carey, and therefore its enactments on this subject cannot be regarded as valid by this Division.

Resolved, That the National Division of North America has, in the estimation of this Division, far exceeded its legitimate authority in imposing its prejudices as law upon all Subordinate Divisions.

Resolved, That our representatives be instructed to bring the subject of the above resolutions to the notice of the Grand Division, at its first meeting, and to urge them to protest against the action of the National Division at its late session.

On motion, *voted*, to refer the above resolutions to a special Committee, with instructions to report at the present session.

Bro.'s J. D. B. Fraser, Charles Robson, Gilbert Willet, James W. Johnston, James Bayne, Nathaniel Vido and E. Sterns, were appointed a Committee in accordance with the foregoing vote.

On motion, *voted*, to appoint a Committee to prepare and present a report at the present session, upon the License Laws, and the legislation requisite in the present circumstances of the Temperance cause.