

And being satisfied after due enquiry that the above Lodges are in a prosperous condition, and are under the management of prudent and skilful craftsmen, the Board advises that a Warrant or Charter should be granted to each of the above Lodges.

On motion of R. W. Bro. Thos. Milton, seconded by R. W. Bro. S. R. Whitman, the report on Warrants just read was received and adopted.

The Board of General Purposes through R. W. Bro. Melbourne M. Tait, made the following report:

*To the Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Quebec, A. F. & A. M.:*

Your Board having had before them the case of Brother Ward, now or formerly a member of Prince Consort Lodge, No. 52, and having carefully investigated its peculiar circumstances, recommend that Prince Consort Lodge be instructed to confer the third degree on Brother Ward at a period suitable to all parties. Also that the said Lodge be directed to provide for that Brother after his "raising," a Grand Lodge certificate in the usual form.

On motion of R. W. Bro. Thos. Milton, seconded by R. W. Bro. Renshaw, the report was received and adopted.

R. W. Bro. Melbourne M. Tait, for the Board of General Purposes, made the following report:

*To the Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Quebec, A. F. & A. M.:*

Your Board beg to report that they have considered carefully the complaint laid before the Board by Bro. G. N. Wilkinson, stating that at the Regular Communication of Golden Rule Lodge, No. 5, Q. R., Stanstead, held in the month of April last, he was initiated into the Mysteries of Free Masonry; that at the Regular Communication of the said Lodge, held in May last, he was "placed upon probation for six months;" that no complaint or charge had been preferred against him, and that further advancement in the Order, and even a formal trial, had been refused him.

Upon examination we find that the Brother was, after being duly recommended, ballotted for and accepted in open Lodge and initiated, as stated by him; that at the next Regular Communication of the Lodge, without any reason being assigned therefor, the following resolution was passed in open Lodge: "That Bro. George N. Wilkinson be put on probation for six months;" which resolution was communicated by the Secretary of the Lodge to the Brother, who demanded a reason, and received for reply the intimation that he "he was put on probation for unworthiness, but that the Secretary could not inform him who brought the matter before the Lodge."

The Brother, in consequence of the notification by the Secretary of the passing of the resolution in question, was prevented from presenting himself for further advancement in the Order, but has, instead, appealed to Grand Lodge for redress.