

put and carried, the vote standing twenty-five for and fifteen against it. Bro. Allen H. Crome then entered a notice of motion to reconsider the report. We learn since that M. W. Bro. Stevenson, Grand Master of Canada, had sent M. W. Bro. Keith a lot of information relating to the movement, which it was his intention to submit to the consideration of the Grand Lodge, but was unable to, as he was unavoidably absent.

The following brethren, W. McDonald, P. M., Charles J. McDonald, P. D. G. M., John D. Nash, P. Senr. G. W., Douglas McLeod, Sec. of Com., being a committee specially appointed to bring in a report of the funds received from the various Grand Bodies forming this united Grand Body, gave a voluminous and congratulatory report, showing the finances to be in a very favorable state; the liabilities of all the Grand Bodies to having been paid, without drawing upon the revenue of the Grand Lodge, for the year just ended.

The state of the funds is as follows:

Received from subordinate lodges of the jurisdiction, and from Brother William Taylor, on account of G. L. of Nova Scotia.....	\$ 1215 43
Accounts paid by Committee as per vouchers, and receipts.....	1027 62
Leaving a balance on hand of.....	\$ 187 81

The assets of the G. L. are as follows:

Balance of cash in hands of committee as above, and subject to the order of Grand Lodge.....	\$ 187 81
Balance in hands of Treasurer as per account.....	1342 79
Amount of funds of Lake District Grand Lodge, invested in real estate securities.....	2400 00
In all.....	\$ 3930 60

The amount placed to the credit of the District Grand Lodge is invested by it, the interest only to be drawn and applied to charitable purposes.

The committee on ritual submitted a recommendation which was adopted. The committee is composed of: W. Bro. Benjamin Curren, P. M.; W. Bro. David Pottenger, P. M.; M. W. Bro. S. R. Sircom, P. G. M.; W. Bro. Allen H. Crome, P. M.; R. W. Bro. John D. Nash, P. S. G. W. —five very competent brethren well suited, to this important duty.

Bros. W. A. Hesson, George Fraser, and Stephen R. Sircom, being appointed a committee to frame By-laws for the charity fund, brought in an elaborate report, and among other clauses are the following:

They recommend that every member of each lodge within the province shall pay towards the fund of benevolence one dollar per year, or twenty-five cents per quarter, and to be applied in the following cases:

1. To poor, worthy members of lodges under this jurisdiction, in cases where the funds of their own lodges are not adequate to the emergency of the case.

2. To poor and worthy Masons resident in the province, not members of any subordinate lodge, being in circumstances to render such membership not a Masonic duty.

3. To poor and worthy Masons being sojourners in the province.