

R. W. Bro. J. T. McMinn gave notice that he would, at the next annual communication of this Grand Lodge, move:

That the Constitution of this Grand Lodge be amended under the heading "Fees," page 56, by the insertion after the clause referring to Grand Lodge Dues, of the following words: "Every member of each Lodge shall pay towards the General Benevolent Fund one dollar per annum."

REPORTS OF DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

R. W. Bro. Judge, D.D.G.M., for the District of Quebec and Three Rivers, presented the following report:

DISTRICT OF QUEBEC AND THREE RIVERS.

Quebec, 25th September, 1877.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master and the Brethren of the Grand Lodge of A. F. and A. M. Quebec.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren,

In compliance with the Constitution, I beg to submit the following report on the state of Free-Masonry in the District over which I have the honour to preside.

The number of Lodges in the District remains unchanged, viz:—Eight. Certain Brethren residing at Rivière du Loup, (en bas,) forwarded to me in May last, a petition to form a Lodge at that place. The petition itself was not in form, and amongst other irregularities of less importance, did not conform to the Constitution in as much as the recommendation of the nearest Lodge was not obtained. I returned the petition for correction in form, with a request that the omission as regards the consent of the nearest Lodge be supplied, to enable me to act upon it. For causes which I have no reason to doubt were good and sufficient, the Tuscan Lodge, Lévis, (the nearest to the proposed new Lodge) withheld its support, and therefore no further steps were taken by me in the matter. I am of opinion, however, that the time has not yet arrived when a strong and thriving Lodge can be formed at that point. At present the Brethren residing there are few in number, and the mass of the population being inimical to Free-Masonry, no considerable accession to the Craft can be looked for, so that were a new Lodge formed, it would commence weak in point of membership, probably drag on a sickly existence for a year or two, and then cease to exist.

During the year I have visited frequently all the Lodges in my District, with the exception of Milton No. 43, and Shawenegan No. 49, at Three Rivers. My intention was to visit the Brethren in that city, and with that object in view I started overland in March last accompanied by W. Bro. Bowen, W. M. Lodge St. Andrew. After proceeding some 10 miles on the journey, a heavy snow storm set in, which rendered further progress impossible, and I was reluctantly compelled to return to Quebec. Since then, owing to the great pressure of my private affairs, I have had no opportunity of visiting those Lodges, which I much regret, particularly as I know that my failure to reach them on the occasion just referred to was a serious