

meets with general condemnation, and I respectfully suggest that some law be enacted at this session controlling all applications for pecuniary assistance in every form in which they may be presented to the Order, whether from Hail associations, Lodges, Encampments, or otherwise, and requiring in all cases the approval and recommendation of the Grand Bodies or Grand Officers of the jurisdiction, from which such application may come and also of the jurisdiction in which they desire to ask aid.

The Committee to whom the last named decision was referred, submitted the following resolutions which were adopted. See page 3953 of Journal.

Resolved.—"That no Lodge or Encampment, or any of the Members thereof; shall, in the name of the Order, resort to any scheme of Raffles, Lotteries or Gift Enterprises, or schemes of hazard or chance of any kind, as a means to raise funds for any purpose of relief or assistance to such Subordinates, or to individual members.

Resolved.—"That no Lodge or Encampment shall entertain any application for pecuniary aid or assistance under whatsoever scheme it may be presented, unless the same be authorized by the Grand Body, or its principal Grand Officer, of the jurisdiction in which aid is solicited, and in accordance with the form prescribed for such purposes by this Grand Body."

The Grand Sire in his report referred to other matters of vital importance to the Order; the principal of which were the uses and abuses of the degree of Rebecca report page 4013, adjourned to next session; of the privilege granted by Grand Bodies on the Pacific Coast, to members of the Order residing in their limits who had become suspended for non-payments of dues in other jurisdictions (with reference to this portion he, the Grand Sire, suggested that a special resolution be adopted at this session for the guidance of all Grand Bodies). Adopted, page 4011 Journal. See report, page 3982.

He strongly declaimed against the expulsion of members for non-payment of dues, as not being in accordance with the spirit of Oddfellowship, impolitic, unjust, and confounding misfortune with crime.

To the present system of suspending members for non payment of dues the Grand Sire would call particular attention.

CLAUSE I.

The Legislative Committee to whom these latter suggestions were referred reported, (see page 3994, Journal) suggesting that a committee of five be appointed to report at next session on the subject, report adopted (P. P. 4011). The next recommendation of the Grand Sire; I would respectfully call the particular attention of this Grand Lodge to, which was, to the condition of the Order in Canada East, the work altogether ceasing there and with only a slight vitality in the Lower Provinces. In consequence of which he suggests that this jurisdiction be extended over Canada East and that the Grand Sire be empowered to appoint a special Commissioner to visit the sections named, with full authority to restore Charters of extinct Lodges, and institute new ones wherever a Grand Lodge does not exercise jurisdiction. The special Commissioner to be also clothed with power to treat with the Manchester Unity of Odd Fellows in the British Possessions of North America, with a view to an alliance and full communion with them, on accepting our work.

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