

motion by P. G. J. M. Gilbert, seconded by P. G. Joseph Fraser, that it be adopted.

P. D. G. Master George Matthews, seconded by P. G. Thomas Hardie, moved in amendment,

That the subject be now taken into consideration by this Grand Lodge. Which amendment was not concurred in, and the question, therefore, recurred upon the original motion,—which was carried.

The Ayes and Nays being called for, to be recorded, they stood thus—

Ayes—P. G. Joseph Fraser, Prince of Wales' Lodge, No. 1; P. G. C. F. Clarke, Queen's Lodge, No. 2; P. G. M. H. Seymour, ditto; P. G. J. M. Gilbert, Prince Albert Lodge, No. 3; P. G. R. H. Hamilton, Commercial Lodge, No. 5.

Nays—P. G. Thomas Hardie, Prince of Wales' Lodge, No. 1; P. D. G. M. George Matthews, Queen's Lodge, No. 2.

The same Committee then made the following Report:—

The Committee of Supervision of Laws, to whom was referred the Quarterly Report of Prince of Wales' Lodge, No. 1, together with a communication from the same Lodge, beg leave to report, with reference to the informality in said Report, that they are of opinion, that it is the duty of the Secretary of every Subordinate Lodge, to obtain the requisite information from the Secretary of the Degree Lodge, as to the number of Degrees conferred on Certificates granted, and would recommend that the Grand Secretary address a communication to the several Lodges in this city, under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, to such effect.

All which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed)

M. H. SEYMOUR,
J. M. GILBERT.

On motion of P. G. C. F. Clarke, seconded by P. D. G. M. George Matthews, the Report was accepted, and the recommendation adopted.

The Special Committee to whom the subject was referred, made the following Report:—

To the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of Canada.

The Special Committee to whom was referred the Annual Report and accompanying Documents, presented by the R. W. D. Grand Master, in the absence of the M. W. Grand Master, respectfully report—

That Your Committee have given due consideration to the matters referred to therein.

Your Committee feel much pleasure in entertaining abundant reason to join in the congratulations offered by the R. W. D. Grand Master, upon the great increase and high prosperity of the Order.

Your Committee notice with much satisfaction that Dispensations have been granted for the establishing of two new Lodges,—one at Belleville, C. W., under the style and title of Victoria Lodge, No. 6,—and the other at Stanstead, C. E., under the style and title of Oriental Lodge, No. 7.

It affords your Committee increased gratification, to find that they have been constituted and opened under the most favorable auspices, thereby affording the most convincing proof, that as the benevolent and charitable principles upon which the Order is founded become better known, the more it will spread and be appreciated.

Your Committee have examined and found correct, the documents upon which the Dispensations have been granted, with the exception of the Petition from Victoria Lodge, No. 6, which has not been presented to them, and which Petition your Committee have been informed by the R. W. D. G. Master, was destroyed by him by mistake.

Your Committee recommend that the Dispensations be confirmed, and that a Charter be granted to Oriental Lodge, No. 7, upon due application being made, and

also that a Charter be granted to Victoria Lodge, No. 6, upon the M. W. G. Master being satisfied with the Documents produced, upon due application therefor: and your Committee subjoin two Resolutions, in conformity with their recommendation for the action of this Lodge.

Your Committee have to lament, in common with the Brethren, the late disastrous Fires at Quebec, which have rendered so many thousands houseless, and among the number several of our Brethren. Severe as this calamity has been, it has been attended with some advantage to the Order in general, in portraying in the most forcible and convincing manner the practical truth, that Benevolence and Charity are our aim; the suffering Brethren having been promptly relieved by every Lodge, working under the Order, with a liberality commensurate with the circumstances which called forth their sympathies, and in a manner befitting our laudable profession.

Your Committee do not observe any other subject requiring the action of this Lodge, than the Resolutions above adverted to.

All which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed)

R. H. HAMILTON,
M. H. SEYMOUR.

Resolved, 1st.—That the Dispensation granted by the R. W. D. G. Master, during the recess, for the opening of a Lodge at Belleville, C. W., under the style and title of Victoria Lodge, No. 6, be confirmed, and that a Charter be granted, upon the M. W. G. Master being satisfied with the Documents produced, upon due application being made therefor.

2nd.—That the Dispensation granted during the recess, by the R. W. D. G. Master, for the opening of a Lodge at Stanstead, C. E., under the style and title of Oriental Lodge, No. 7, be confirmed, and that a Charter be granted, upon due application being made therefor.

On motion of P. G. Thomas Hardie, seconded by P. G. C. F. Clarke, the Report was accepted.

When, on motion by P. G. M. H. Seymour, seconded by P. G. George Matthews, that the Report be adopted, and the Resolutions recommended be concurred in,

P. G. Thomas Hardie called for a division of the question, firstly, upon the adoption of the Report, secondly, upon the 1st Resolution, thirdly upon the 2nd Resolution, which being so taken, were severally concurred in, after an explanation from the M. W. G. Master, at the instance of P. G. Thomas Hardie, with reference to the 1st Resolution, that he should require the Documents to be presented in accordance with constitutional form, before granting a Charter to Victoria Lodge, No. 6.

The following motion was then offered by P. G. Thomas Hardie, seconded by P. G. Joseph Fraser:—

That when this Lodge adjourns, it stands adjourned till Monday Evening next, at Eight o'clock, which was concurred in.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned accordingly.

R. H. HAMILTON, *Grand Secretary.*

EXERCISE YOUR OWN TALENTS.

There is a class of persons who interest themselves so far in the condition of the labouring classes as to bring forward sad instances of suffering, and then to say, "Our rich men should look to these things."—This kind of benevolence delights to bring together, in startling contrast, the condition of different classes, and then to indulge in much moral reflection. Now, riches are very potent in their way, but a great heart is often more wanted than a full purse. * * * Do not let us accustom our minds to throw the burden of good works on the shoulders of any particular class. God has not given a monopoly of benevolence to the rich.—*The Claims of Labour.*