

Brethren, I cannot close this report without returning you my most sincere thanks for the honor you conferred upon me in re-electing me to fill this important office. I assure you I have always endeavored to discharge my duties to the best of my ability, and if I have failed in so doing, it may be attributed to the head and not the heart; for I have invariably felt a strong desire to see our Order prosper, especially under Canadian jurisdiction. Nor can I but think that the year just brought to a close is exceedingly satisfactory and favorable to our much beloved Order; and that it may long continue thus to prosper and extend its usefulness throughout every portion of the world, is the sincere wish of

Your Grand Secretary

SAMUEL G. DOLSON.

On motion, the Grand Secretary's Report was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order and Finance.

Rep. McDonald, from the Committee on Appeals, presented the following report, which was read, and on motion adopted:

To the R. W. the Grand Lodge,

The Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the appeal of J. B. Ingamells, of Eureka Lodge, No. 30, from examination of different papers, beg leave to report with reference to the complaint respecting the purchase of a carpet for the Lodge Room. The Committee consider it a matter of regret that any difference of opinion should have arisen upon the subject, as the Committee appointed by Eureka Lodge to fit up the Lodge Room appears to have been actuated by the best intentions; at the same time, the proceedings were not in accordance with By-Law No. 5, section 7, of the Lodge. The proceedings of that Committee may, however, be defended or palliated by the facts which have come to the knowledge of your Committee: namely, that matters of a similar nature have been passed over by Eureka Lodge without remark; and that the matter in question was not done hurriedly; but while it was in progress there appears to have been abundance of time to have given the notice required by the By-Law referred to, if the Committee had deemed it necessary, and certainly sufficient time for any disputing members to have opposed the proceedings, had they thought proper to do so, by attending in their places for that purpose.

In conclusion, the Committee would strongly recommend a cordiality of action in Lodge proceedings, and an adherence to the By-Laws, as any want of co-operation among the members of a Lodge, although it may appear trifling at first, may result in serious consequences.

Respectfully submitted,

A. McDONALD, Chairman.

WM. H. READ,

JOHN COLLINS,

RICHARD BOX,

A. C. DANA.

By less rec'd from Brock Lodge on account of, overpaid dues. 9.18  
Total, ending 31st Dec. 1859. \$148.93  
Total Term ending 30th Dec., 1859. \$139.75  
By Error in Samaritan Lodge Return. 0.33  
Total paid Grand Treasurer. \$333.81  
Total Term ending 30th June, 1860. \$334.13