

The Grand Master then proceeded to deliver his annual address.

The address was referred on the usual motion to the Board of General Purposes.

The report of the Board on "Finance" was received and adopted. It exhibited a most satisfactory state of affairs as far as have been made up, but explained that owing to the unexpected prolonged absence of the Grand Secretary, the returns of subordinate lodges for the last past half year were not included in the report, which would leave a still larger surplus in the hands of the Treasurer. All outstanding debts had been paid including the balance on the certificate plate; and exclusive of returns for the last past half year, there was now at credit of Grand Lodge fully three hundred dollars. The report was received with much satisfaction by Grand Lodge.

The Grand Master here announced the appointment of R. W. Bro. Dunbar, D. G. M., to act on behalf of this Grand Lodge, in concert with M. W. Bro. White on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Canada, as arbitrators in the settlement of all questions in dispute as to property and funds, between subordinate lodges, as provided for by Article 5 of the agreement by the Joint Conference Committee.

The report on Foreign Correspondence was tabled by Bro. acting Grand Secretary as Chairman of that Committee, which, on motion was ordered to be printed as an addenda to the proceedings.

Quite an array of notices of motions for the amendment of the Book of Constitution were tabled, some of them, if not most of them destined to be never more heard of, as too frequently these notices are given on the spur of the moment to meet some particular case, and brethren are too apt to forget that when a doubt arises as to the interpretation of a clause in the Constitution, it is often the best policy to accept the ruling of the Grand Master for the time being, than to attempt to legislate for every possible case that may arise.

The reports of the D. D. G. M's. showed a very healthy condition of the Order in the several districts.

The Grand Chaplain, R. W. Bro. Rev. H. W. Nye, of Iron Hill, delivered a very interesting address.

The thanks of Grand Lodge were voted to the Grand Chaplains and the address ordered to be printed in the proceedings.

Pending reports from the Board of General Purposes, Grand Master Graham addressed Grand Lodge and announced his intended retirement from the Grand East.

R. W. Bro. Rev. H. Montgomery, P. G. C., Grand Lodge of Canada, and R. W. Bro. Rev. M. Meyers, P. Pro. G. M., Grand Lodge of Scotland, also briefly addressed Grand Lodge.

The Board of General Purposes presented their report on

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recommending the granting of warrants of constitution to the following lodges, viz: Ionic Lodge, Montreal; Lake Magog Lodge, Magog, which on motion was received and adopted.

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The Board also presented a report on the appeal of a Brother of St. Andrew's Lodge, Montreal, from the ruling of the W. M. and the decision of the D. D. G. M. in declaring a candidate for the S. W's. chair not elected on the following vote, viz: 32 brethren present eligible to vote; 32 ballots distributed; 32 ballots cast as follows: Bro. A. 16, Brother B. 15, Blank 1. The Board sustained the appeal in this report and declared Bro. A. duly elected. This report brought on a very lively discussion in Grand Lodge, during which some constitutional principles were eloquently and forcibly argued, but the report of the Board was finally carried on a division of 24 to 25, which, being pressed to a ballot, was again sustained by a vote of 58 to 40.

R. W. Bro. Samuel Johnson presented his credentials as representative near this Grand Lodge of the M. W. the Grand Lodge of Iowa, and was received with the Grand honors.

The M. W. Grand Master then alluded in a happy strain to the settlement of all disputes between Canada and Quebec, and announced that as an earnest desire had been expressed to hear from some of the distinguished brethren who for the first time were now amongst us and of us, he introduced M. W. Bro. Thomas White, Jr., P. G. M., who proceeded to address Grand Lodge on the restoration of amicable relations among the Craft in this jurisdiction. The remarks of Bro. White were received with much gratification by the brethren, after which R. W. Bro. James O'Halloran and others also briefly addressed Grand Lodge.

The election of Officers for the year was then proceeded with and resulted as follows:

M. W. Bro. James Dunbar, Quebec, G. M.; R. W. Bro. Jas. O'Halloran, Cowansville, D. G. M.; R. W. Bro. Geo. O. Tyler, Three Rivers, D. D. G. M.; R. W. Bro. Thomas Milton, Montreal, D. D. G. M.; R. W. Bro. Lynch, Knowlton, D. D. G. M.;