

to it, likely to effect such a glorious consummation, and which it can consistently accept with dignity and honor.

The great majority of the members of Grand Lodge deemed it inadvisable that any resolution upon the Quebec difficulty should be introduced at this time, and the mover having refused to withdraw his motion it was put to Grand Lodge and declared lost.

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AFTERNOON SESSION.

July 10th, 1873.

R. W. Bro. White presented the following report of the Board upon

THE GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

The Board of General purposes to which was referred the address of the M. W. Grand Master beg to submit the following report.

1 The Board desire to express their gratification at the continued and increasing prosperity of the order within this jurisdiction.

2. With reference to the Masonic Asylum, the Board agree that there is much in the condition of Canada and Canadian Masons to render advisable a different mode of applying and distributing their benevolence from that adopted by their brethren in England, and that among us "few would be found willing to accept a home which would separate them from their children and relatives." The successful establishment of such an asylum and the erection of stately buildings in connection therewith, in which aged masons and their wives and widows might find the comforts of a home, would no doubt be gratifying to masonic pride and might be pointed out to the "profane" as conclusive evidence of masonic benevolence and zeal; but to produce an effect on the uninitiated is not the mason's mission, and it may well be questioned whether such a gratification would not be bought too dear. The sole question for Grand Lodge is how best to dispose of its funds available for purposes of benevolence, and there can be no doubt that the establishment of such an institution would be a severe tax for all time on the resources of Grand Lodge, that its benefits would not in the present condition of Canada be availed of to any very large extent, and that little would be left after paying the yearly expenses of maintenance to be distributed amongst equally deserving out door applicants for relief. "The greatest good to the greatest number" should be the object aimed at in the distribution of our benevolence, and there can be little doubt that the present mode of affording relief is at the same time the most economical for the donors, and the most acceptable as well as beneficial for the large majority of the recipients. The Board adopt the suggestion of the M. W. Grand Master that some definite action should be taken at the present session of Grand Lodge and would, therefore, recommend that for the present the scheme be abandoned and the money with its accumulated interest be returned to the donors.

3. The Board cordially endorse the recommendation of the M. W. Grand Master that the rank of P. Grand Registrar be conferred on R. W. Bro. Fraser the representative of the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin, and R. W. Bro. Mackay representative of the Grand Lodge of Michigan, near this Grand Lodge.

4. The Board regret to learn that the friendly relations of this Grand Lodge with the Grand Lodges of Vermont and Illinois have been interrupted in consequence of our exercising masonic jurisdiction within what we conceive to be our own territory but which they think is not. To be consistent they should and probably will extend their "Federal Execution" and suspend further relations with the Grand Lodges of Europe and with such of the Grand Lodges of the United States as agree with us upon the Great question involved. However that may be, to paraphrase the remark of Uncle Toby to the fly "the masonic world is wide enough for them and us." The Board fully approve of the action of the Grand Master in the premises.

5. The Board have also to regret the withdrawal of the representative of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana and agree with the M. W. Grand Master that it has arisen from a misapprehension of our action in relation to the Grand Orient of France. This Grand Lodge has never been influenced in its course by the opinions of other Grand Lodges on the difficulties which have arisen in the Province of Quebec, or by their recognition or non-recognition of our seceding brethren there. It has only spoken when those opinions have resulted in action tending to coerce or control this Grand