

the importance of this Meeting of the Grand Lodge, adjourned, as it was, to meet at this time, for the purpose of considering and maturing a Constitution and code of By-Laws, for its future guidance and government, in which must necessarily be involved, to a very great extent, the harmony and efficient working of this Grand Lodge, and consequently, the Subordinate Lodges, within its jurisdiction, it is with the most profound regret that we are without the able assistance of the Worthy Grand Master, and Grand Corresponding Secretary, they having intimated that it would be out of their power to be present on this important occasion, and it is hoped that circumstances may never occur again, to require the absence of those important Officers from any of the future Meetings of this Grand Lodge; and when such may be the case, it may only be the result of insurmountable obstacles.—Carried.

On motion of Rep. VanBrocklin, the Meeting adjourned to meet again to-morrow morning, at 9 o'clock, A. M.

Thursday, 9 o'clock, A. M.,

October 18th, 1855

This morning the Lodge was opened, pursuant to adjournment. The D. G. Master in the Chair.

The Lodge was opened by the Presiding Officer, *pro. forma*. Then came the main business of the Session, *i. e.*, the consideration of the Report of the Committee on Constitution and By-Laws. This occupied a considerable length of time, as the entire Constitution and By-Laws were read, considered and adopted, not *en masse*, but by Article, Chapter, and Clause; and hence various opinions were advanced. However, after the whole had been read and considered, the following Resolution was adopted:

Moved by Rep. VanBrocklin, and seconded by Rep. Ashton,—That the Report of the Committee on Constitution and By-Laws, together with the Constitution and Code of By-Laws which they have drafted, be, and is hereby received, and approved of by this Grand Lodge.—Carried.

The Lodge, after some consideration, passed the following Resolution, which was moved by Rep. Cameron, and seconded by Rep. Ashton:

*Resolved*.—That the Grand Secretary do, as soon as possible, have the Constitution and By-Laws for the government of this Grand Lodge, just adopted, engrossed in duplicate, and a copy thereof sent to the Grand Sec'y