

The Grand Master requested me to state, also, that as the funds of the District Grand Lodge were, by a unanimous vote of that body before the Union above referred to, invested in such a way that the interest alone is disposable, and that only for Masonic charity, it is quite out of his power to make any change in the arrangements already made with reference to said fund.

The Grand Master, however, will cause the claim of the Royal Standard Lodge to be presented to Grand Lodge at its next Communication in December, when it will, no doubt, receive all the consideration it is entitled to.

I have the honor to be,

V. W. Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

BENJAMIN CURREN,  
*G. Secretary.*

JOHN HERVEY, Esq., V. W. Grand Secretary,  
Grand Lodge of England,  
Freemasons' Hall, London.

On motion of R. W. Bro. Wm. Taylor, seconded by the G. Secretary, it was

*Resolved*, That a Committee be appointed to take into consideration the subject referred to in the letter of the V. W. the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of England, and report thereon at the Annual Communication in June next.

Committee appointed—Bros. Hesson, Crowe, Curren.

R. W. Bro. W. A. Hesson, from the Committee appointed at the last Annual Communication on the subject of the formation of a Grand Lodge Charity Fund, presented the following report:

*To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia:*

Your Committee, appointed at the last Annual Communication for the purpose of establishing a charity fund in connection with the Grand Lodge, beg to report that they have, to the best of their ability, attended to that duty, and at a meeting held on Friday, the 1st of Dec., for the purpose of carrying out the said object, it was unanimously resolved, in consequence of the limited time then at the disposal of your Committee, to respectfully request of this Grand Lodge an extension of time, that they may be enabled by the next Annual Communication to mature such a scheme for establishing a