

V. W. Bro. T. P. Butler, the Grand Representative *near* this Grand Lodge, of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick, and V. W. Bro. A. Boisseau, the Grand Representative of the Grand Orient of Portugal, *near* this Grand Lodge, were introduced by the Grand Secretary, welcomed by the M. W. the Grand Master, saluted by Grand Lodge, and took their seats in the East.

The Board of General Purposes presented the following reports, adopted by them at their semi-annual meeting in March last, viz :—

1st. The Board of General Purposes beg to report that, having carefully examined into the merits of the undernoted applications for aid, they recommend—

That the sum of twenty-five dollars be granted to W. Bro. J. S. D., of Albion Lodge, No. 2.

The sum of thirty dollars to Bro. C. R., of St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 5. And the sum of thirty-five dollars to Miss A. M. S., daughter of a deceased Brother.

With reference to the application of Bro. Lee, Secretary of the Masonic Board of Relief of Quebec, the Board regret to be unable to comply therewith, and request R. W. Bro. Charleson, D.D.G.M. for Quebec and Three Rivers District, to explain to whom it may concern the reasons why said application cannot be entertained.

2nd. The Board of General Purposes beg to report :—

That as to the minutes of the meeting of the Committee, named by the M. W. the Grand Master, to investigate matters in connection with the warrant of St. George's Lodge, held on the 10th and 11th of January last, 1879, and annexed hereto, marked A., the Board recommend the approval of the course adopted by that Committee and the suggestions made by them.

As to the letter submitted, addressed by the Secretary of Victoria Lodge, No. 26, Q. R., to the R. W. the D. D. G. M. for Montreal District, submitting certain questions relating to the prerogatives, powers, and duties of D. D. G. Masters, and W. Masters of private Lodges, the Board beg to report that as the letter in question does not state any specific case upon which a judgment could be based, or which could form a precedent for future guidance, but only abstract and general questions, which might be seriously affected by the circumstances connected with any specific case, it does not consider that it is within its jurisdiction to give an opinion on the questions put, but suggest that they should be submitted in proper form to the M. W. the Grand Master, or to the Grand Lodge by the Lodge in question.

3rd. The Board of General Purposes beg to report :—

That they have examined the books of the Grand Treasurer, and find that he has received \$1457.65 and that his disbursements amount to \$1162.38, leaving a balance on hand of \$295.27.

The Board find that the late Grand Treasurer still owes \$573.34, which he proposes to refund to Grand Lodge by monthly instalments of twenty dollars, payable to the present Grand Treasurer, said payments to begin after the first of May next, and the Board recommend the acceptance of those conditions.