

and also printed. That they be then bound together in the most convenient form and sold to Lodges and the members thereof, at the cost of printing and binding, and that the whole be ready if possible on or before the next annual communication of Grand Lodge, the Grand Secretary to notify all Lodges by circular when ready, and that 100 copies be appropriated for the purpose of this Grand Lodge.

BENEVOLENCE.

It was moved by M. W. Bro. Bernard, seconded by R. W. Bro. Clementi, and

RESOLVED,—That the sum of \$2500 be appropriated from the general funds of Grand Lodge and placed to the credit of the fund of benevolence.

V. W. Bro. Falkiner's motion to dispense in future with the reading of the Reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters was brought up and lost.

AMENDMENT TO CONSTITUTION.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. I. P. Wilson, seconded by R. W. Bro. MacPherson and

RESOLVED,—That Article 3 of the Constitution under the head of proposing members be amended by striking out the following words, "without the consent by resolution of that Lodge which shall be signified in writing."

REPORT OF BOARD ON QUEBEC QUESTION.

The adoption of the special report of the Board of General Puposos on that portion of the address of the Grand Master relating to the Quebec difficulty was then moved by R. W. Bro. White, seconded by R. W. Bro. Montgomery.

In amendment it was moved by W. B. Bro. McKechnie, seconded by V. W. Bro. N. B. Falkiner,

That having in view the true interests of Freemasonry, the maintenance of harmony, and the avoidance of scandal, be it

Resolved—That the suspension of the adherents of the so-called Grand Lodge of Quebec be and is hereby withdrawn.

That the Grand Lodge of Quebec be and is hereby recognized as a duly constituted Grand Lodge.

That we hereby cede to the said Grand Lodge of Quebec the whole of the Province of Quebec, subject to the following conditions, viz.:—That all Lodges therein now in connection with the Grand Lodge, and that are desirous of maintaining that connection, may do so.

That this Grand Lodge do strongly, and with the most fraternal feelings, recommend that all the Lodges in the Province of Quebec, and now in allegiance to this Grand Lodge, do take into serious consideration the necessity of sinking all differences, and cordially uniting themselves to the Grand Lodge of that Province.

In amendment to the amendment it was moved in by V. W. Bro. E. Racicot, seconded by R. W. Bro. Gutman,

That all the words in the said report after the word "adoption" be struck out and the following words substituted for them: "That this Grand Lodge, while reaffirming its former opinion expressed at the Montreal and Toronto meetings, December 1869 and July 1870, as to the illegality of the organization of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, and although no valid reason has ever existed for the disruption of this Grand Lodge in the manner attempted by the said so-called Grand Lodge of Quebec, but being desirous of re-establishing peace and good will and harmony amongst all the Masons of Canada, and of preventing further trouble and complications, and being now of opinion that these objects can best be obtained by the existence of a Grand Lodge for the Province of Quebec properly organized, with the unanimous assent, if possible, and good feeling of all the Masons in that Province; while at the same time the duties and obligations of this Grand Lodge towards the same loyal Masons should not be disregarded;—this Grand Lodge will give up and cede all the territory which it has occupied since 1855 in that part of Canada now constituting the Province of Quebec, make all just and financial settlements, remove all suspensions