

will pay attention to the remonstrances addressed to her by her Sister Grand Lodges or to the representations which may be made to her through a delegation or otherwise, and the other is to invite her to arbitrate. In the case of England, we can also either wait till our delegation report the result of their efforts, or offer to arbitrate. Upon you rests the responsibility of deciding which course should be pursued.

I would also suggest, particularly as we have no Committee on Foreign Correspondence this year, that a committee be appointed to draw up a statement for publication giving the history of our difficulties with foreign Grand Bodies, the opinions expressed and action taken by Sister Grand Lodges on the subject, and the reasons which we believe to justify our position.

And now, brethren, I invite you to engage more earnestly than ever in the extension and practice of brotherly love, relief and truth, and may the Most High prosper your united efforts.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Judge, D.G.M., seconded by R. W. Bro. A. F. Simpson, G.S.W. :—

That the address of the M. W. the Grand Master, just delivered, be referred to the Board of General Purposes, to report thereon as early during the present session as practicable.

The motion was carried.

The Grand Secretary presented the following Report, which was referred to the Board of General Purposes :—

*To the M. W. the Grand Master, Grand Officers and Members of
The Grand Lodge of Quebec, A. F. & A. M.*

The Grand Secretary begs respectfully to report, that during the past year nothing with the affairs of his office has transpired worthy of the especial notice of Grand Lodge, in consequence, this report will of necessity be brief, and merely confined to subjects of routine which are required to be reported on.

The returns and dues from Lodges have been sent to this office with greater promptness than heretofore—the amount of money received during the last past twelve months up to the 22nd day of the month of September instant is the sum of \$2048.50, which has been paid over to the Grand Treasurer on his receipt.

This amount, notwithstanding “hard times,” is an increase of \$259.00 on the receipts of the preceeding year.

Since closing the books of account for the year, several Lodges have made returns and paid dues which will now have to be carried into next year's statement of accounts.

All Lodges received timely notice to make their returns and to pay their dues on or before 31st August last, so that the books could be closed in accordance with the provision of the Constitution, vide page 33 of book of Constitution, section 16—some, however failed to respond within that time, and it was deemed better for the present year, with the consent of the M. W. the Grand Master to delay balancing the books until the 22nd instant—this, however, to be no precedent for the future.

The whole respectfully submitted,

JOHN H. ISAACSON,
Grand Secretary.