

satisfaction with the promises, and believed they would be accepted by those whom he represented.

The M. W. Grand Master then requested Bro. Kennedy to submit his statement in writing, so that it would be in a proper shape to come before Grand Lodge, and in order to give time for the same to be done.

The Grand Lodge was called off at 2.55 p.m., to meet at 7.30 p.m.

Grand Lodge having resumed labor at 7.30, the M. W. the Grand Master stated that during recess he had been interviewed by Bro. D. G. Dick, of Emerson Lodge, accompanied by Bro. W. N. Kennedy, concerning the difficulty, and took occasion to urge upon them to present their grievances and their propositions for healing in writing to Grand Lodge this evening, and guaranteed them that they would be received, considered and disposed of, with all proper charity and Masonic courtesy, with which statement they appeared to be satisfied.

No statement or communications was received from any person on behalf of the malcontents, and at 9 p.m., the Board of General Purposes, through their chairman, submitted the following Report:

REPORT OF BOARD.

WINNIPEG, Dec. 28th, 1878.

To the M. W. Grand Master Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. & A. M.:

DEAR SIR AND M. W. BROTHER,—As President of the Board of General Purposes, it becomes my duty to lay before you, at the Emergent Communication of Grand Lodge, called for the 30th inst., certain facts that have occupied the attention of said Board.

1st. That Lisgar Lodge, No. 2, was charged with having recorded in its minute book of proceedings of 24th of June last, motions disloyal to the Grand Lodge of Manitoba. That the Grand Master asked for the books of said Lodge, and they were refused him by the W. M.—A. W. Mee. That Bro. Mee, as W. M. of Lisgar Lodge, was summoned to appear before the Board of General Purposes on the 7th Nov., failing which, he was peremptorily summoned to appear on the 20th, and produce the Warrant and all books, papers, &c., of said Lodge, and that he did not appear, in answer to said summons, nor give any excuse of any kind whatever for not appearing.

2nd. That Brothers Dr. D. Young, G. F. Carruthers, John Villiers, D. M. Walker, and Joseph Hursell were peremptorily summoned to appear before the Board to answer to the charge of gross unmasonic conduct at the last Communication of Grand Lodge, and that none of them appeared except Bro. Joseph Hursell, who complied with the peremptory summons, on the 20th ult., and did appear again before the Board on the 28th inst., in answer to said charge; at which latter meeting Bro. Wm. G. Scott also appeared, in answer to the charge of having sat as S. W. in Prince Rupert's Lodge and permitted a suspended Mason to preside and transact the business of the meeting of said Lodge, on the 17th inst. Bro. Hursell, in answer to charge against him, stated, that while the vote was being taken for D. G. M., at the last Communication of Grand Lodge, confusion and disorder took place, and while the ballot was being collected for said officer, he asked permission to retire, and was under the impression that permission was granted him at first, but after he had started to withdraw and saw the general "stampede," and heard the Grand Master declare that no person could be permitted to retire at that time—of taking a vote—he (Hursell) concluded that he must have left without permission, and contrary to the order of the M. W. Grand Master. Bro. Hursell acknowledged allegiance to the Grand Master, and expressed feelings of regret that anything had occurred to disturb the harmony of last session of Grand Lodge. He stated further that the only grievance he knew of against the action of the Grand Lodge was confined to the question of Ritual, and if Prince Rupert's Lodge, of which he is a member, would be required by Grand Lodge to adopt the A. Y. Rite, he would consider it unjust in his old age to have to become acquainted with a mode of work differing from that which he had, with a degree of proficiency, mastered.

Bro. Scott, in reply to his summons, stated that he was at the meeting when they decided to have a meeting of Grand Lodge called over Conklin's signature, consequently he felt himself to be as morally guilty as Conklin, who was suspended at the time he (Scott) sat with him in Prince Rupert's Lodge, on 17th inst., and at which meeting he understood that Bro. C. occupied the chair at the request of the W. M., D. M. Walker. And as Prince Rupert's Lodge have been in rebellion and are now in rebellion, he thought it made little difference how he acted in the matter. The only grievance he knows of is the question of Ritual. Acknowledges Bro. Geo. F. Newcomb to be Grand Master, and will continue to do so until his successor shall have been regularly elected.

Bro. J. M. McGregor, who was elected a member of the Board in place of Bro. Col.