

First,—Are the objects sought to be accomplished by the resolution worthy?

Second,—Can the members afford to pay the additional tax?

In reply to the first question—Your Committee express the hope that there is not a Mason in the Province of Quebec that will not agree with us in saying that the idea of establishing a Masonic Home in our Province is worthy of our most energetic efforts, the accomplishment of which would stand as a monument, not only to the Masons of Quebec, but to the Fraternity throughout the world. If we are to keep pace with sister Grand Lodges on this Continent in questions of Benevolence and Charity, we must make a beld effort to establish a Masonic Home. The question of relief to destitute transient Masons calls for our earnest attention and support. We trust it is unnecessary to remind the Brethren of their promise to those who may appear before them poor and penniless, neither naked nor clothed, and that they will be constrained to put into practice that virtue which they at one time professed so much to admire. By the terms of the resolution, every member on the roll of Grand Lodge would be fulfilling his obligation to the needy—while at present the willing horse gets leave to carry the heavy burden, and that duty is left to a few Brethren, who are ever ready to extend the right hand of fellowship to a poor and worthy Brother in distress. Your Committee are of opinion that every Brother should contribute to the support of the latter class.

In dealing with the second question—Can the members afford to pay the additional tax of fifty cents per annum?—Your Committee must allow the members of Grand Lodge to be the best judges in the matter. The tax seems to us small enough to come within the reach of every member, and if the Brethren on our roll will only consider the good that could be accomplished by the adoption of the motion, your Committee are of opinion that they will willingly pay the tax.

Your Committee have the honor to report that they have given the matter contained in the resolution submitted to them their careful consideration, and as nothing but good can result from the adoption of the motion before Grand Lodge, we recommend it for the approval of the Brethren.

The whole most respectfully submitted,

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JAMES FYFE,
EDSON FITCH.

It was moved by R. Wor. Bro. A. F. Simpson, seconded by Wor. Bro. Fyfe :—

“That the report now presented be received and adopted.”

In amendment, it was moved by Wor. Bro. J. P. Noyes, seconded by Wor. Bro. W. M. Briggs,