

however which ought to exercise more prudent circumspection in regard to this very important matter. It seems as though the secretary and treasurer ought to make a quarterly report to the Lodge of all the moneys received, and the disbursements made, and that the balance on hand should be safely put out at remunerative interest. Much good would result therefrom and many grave evils would be avoided.

BENEVOLENT FUND.

Some Lodges are pursuing a very commendable course in creating a fund for the purposes of benevolence, and making their appropriations therefrom through a Board appointed to consider and act upon all applications for relief. It is thought by many that even in the rural districts where private Lodges are contiguous, a joint Board of Benevolence might be formed such as now exists and works so well in some of the cities. Every available means should be adopted to detect and expose impositions, and to afford speedy and judicious relief to the really needy and deserving.

CLARENCEVILLE LODGE.

This Lodge recently lost its warrant, jewels, and all its furniture by fire. The Most Worshipful the Grand Master kindly caused a new warrant to be issued to it free of expense, and I hope that Grand Lodge may be disposed to take into favorable consideration the petition of these Brethren, and in some additional way, render a little timely assistance to them in their present extremity.

The very serious calamity which has befallen Clarenceville Lodge should forcibly remind all Lodges of the necessity of having their property fully insured.

LODGES IN THE PROVINCE OF QUEBEC UNDER JURISDICTIONS OTHER THAN THAT OF THE GRAND LODGE OF CANADA.

As difficulties more or less serious are frequently arising in this district on account of what seem to be the unavoidable results apparently inseparable from the existence, in the same Province, of private Lodges under the jurisdiction of other Grand Lodges besides that of this Most Worshipful Body, it is thought by many that additional efforts to those already made, ought to be put forth to remove this generally acknowledged evil. Might not a committee be appointed to confer with the many excellent Brethren of these Lodges, or with committees appointed by them for that purpose? There seem to be no good reasons why such a conference might not be in the highest degree successful, and so be productive of the most beneficial results to the craft. For many obvious reasons the present appears to be an opportune time to endeavor, in a truly fraternal way and honorable to all concerned, to attain this very important consummation.

DIVISION OF THE E. T. D.

The Eastern Township District embraces all that portion of the Province of Quebec which lies south of the river St. Lawrence and east of the Richelieu, including the city of St. Johns. The extent of this territory, and the increasing number of the Lodges, render it extremely difficult for one District Deputy to perform all the duties, and hence a sub-division of the District appears to be necessary. But as there are some greater and more important questions which are necessarily about to come up for consideration and adjudication, the settlement of which had probably better precede that of the redistribution of the Lodges into two or more Districts, and in order that

more full consideration may be given to the subject by all the Lodges in the District, it seems most advisable to let the subject lie over till the next regular communication of Grand Lodge, unless some Lodge may present a petition in reference to the matter.

OUR LATE B. W. BRO. DR. SCOTT.

Prevoist Lodge, No. 1, G. R. C., having made a praise-worthy appropriation towards the erection of a suitable monument in honor of our late R. W. Bro. Joseph Scott, D. D., Archdeacon, &c., and other means also having been inaugurated by them for the carrying out of this laudable design, I had much pleasure in forwarding to the W. M. of that Lodge the cheque of the President of the B. O. G. purposes on the Treasurer of Grand Lodge, for \$50.00, the sum appropriated by Grand Lodge for that purpose. There is no doubt but that other Lodges in this District will contribute according to their ability towards this object, and I trust that this Grand Lodge will ere long be informed of the erection of a monument worthy of the memory of one of the most distinguished names in the *bright* roll of Canadian Freemasons.

DEATHS.

It is my melancholy duty to report the death of our Very Worshipful Bro. George Hope Napier, Grand Steward and Past Master of St. Francis Lodge, No. 67; and also the death of Bro. George Simpson, Secretary of the same Lodge. Both these Brethren were buried with Masonic and military honors.

In closing the duties of the important office with which my Brethren, the representatives of the Lodges of the Eastern Townships, honored me the past year by their unanimous suffrages, I beg to return to them all my hearty thanks, expressing the hope that my labors have in some degree at least met their approval, and have been to some extent promotive of the interests of the craft.

All of which is nevertheless respectfully submitted.

J. H. GRAHAM,

D. D. G. M., E. T. D.

Richmond, Province of Quebec, }
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WILSON DISTRICT.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. Masons of Canada.

In complying with the requirements of Grand Lodge, I beg to make a brief report of the state of Masonry in the Wilson District.

It would be wasting the time of Grand Lodge for me to give a lengthy report of matters regarding the statistics of masonry, as these are already in the hands of the Grand Secretary; suffice it to say that I have during the past year, visited most of the Lodges in my district, (*comprising seventeen lodges*), and have much pleasure in being able to say that I have found them all in a healthy condition, being presided over by able and zealous masons who have spared no pains in promulgating the genuine tenets and principles of the order.

These Lodges I have been unable to visit officially are known to have at their head some of the most expert craftsmen in the district, I have therefore reason to suppose they are in an equally flourishing state with those visited. I have had the pleasure of installing the W. Masters and Officers of several of