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SUPREME COUNCIL.

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REPORT OF LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

MONTREAL, October 19th, 1881.

To the Supreme Council, 33°

ILLUSTRIOUS BRETHREN :

The question of a Library for this Supreme Council, which was left to your Committee at the last Session, has been duly considered, and they have now pleasure in reporting that they deem it to be greatly for the benefit of Masonry, and especially this Rite, and a movement which will tend much to the honor and reputation of this Supreme Council, the establishment of a Masonic Library.

In this day, when so much attention is beginning to be given to the subject of Masonic History and Archæology, particularly in the Old World, when the learned and scholarly in the Craft are striving to bring to light documentary and other evidence of the history of our old time-honored Order, it seems to your Committee very opportune now for this Council, the Supreme Body of the Highest Order of Masonry, to form a collection of Masonic Works and Documents which will be at once a source of information superior to anything of that kind hitherto attempted in the Dominion, and a stimulus to members of the Craft in general to become informed on the subject of the History, Literature and Philosophy of our Order. They therefore recommend,

That this Supreme Council do now decide upon the establishment of a Library.

That this Library shall be at the See of the Supreme Council in the city of Montreal.

That a committee be appointed *pro tempore* from the members of the Supreme Council residing in or near Montreal, with power to add to their number from the S. P. R. S., 32°, to begin the formation of the same, arranging for the proper location, providing fit accommodation, and devising a scheme for its maintenance, supply and management, and to report to this Council at its next Session.

And further, should this Council now adopt these suggestions, that notice be given at this Session, "That at the next Session an addition be made to our Statutes providing for another standing committee called The Library Committee," to be appointed in the same manner as the other standing committees of this Council.

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WM. H. HUTTON, 33°,
Committee.

On motion the Report was received and adopted.