

our Brethren in different parts of the Island and Mainland, viz.: \$138.50 from four of the Lodges in response to the suggestion of the Grand Master, and \$214.50 from among other Masons in our midst. Correspondence on this subject will also be laid before you.

13. The monies subscribed by the Brethren for the purchase of jewels for Past Grand Masters Powell and Duck have been expended in the purchase and presentation of neat and appropriate testimonials to the wives of these eminent Brethren, with suitable inscriptions on each. The replies to said testimonials have been received.

14. A statement of monies to the credit of the Fund of Benevolence will be presented, and notwithstanding the numerous calls it will be seen that the Fund is steadily increasing. Certain exceptional expenditures have taken place which the Board desires the Grand Lodge to sanction. It would appear to be a matter of regret that Nanaimo Lodge (Ashlar No. 3) and also Union No. 9, have withdrawn from it.

15. The Committee on Foreign Correspondence will present, during this session, a digest of the proceedings of sister jurisdictions and a brief report on such matters as may be gleaned from the past year's correspondence as may be likely to prove interesting.

16. The Board recommends that inasmuch as the funds of the Benevolent Fund and those of Grand Lodge are in a fairly flourishing condition, while those of the subordinate Lodges have been, and still are, somewhat impoverished, it would be advisable to reduce the Grand Lodge dues for membership from \$1.50 to \$1.25 per capita per annum, and to \$1 for Benevolent Fund, and that the Constitution be amended accordingly.

17. It having been shown that Vancouver and Quadra Lodge has paid the sum of \$226.96 on account of tower and organ gallery, the Board, by resolution, recommend that Grand Lodge transfer to that Lodge 11 shares in the Building Fund.

THOS. TROUNCE.

EDGAR CROW BAKER,

Chairman.

Grand Secretary.

On motion, votes of thanks were accorded to the Committees on Finance, the Grand Master's address, Foreign Correspondence, Board of General Purposes, Credentials, Grand Treasurer, and Grand Secretary, for their very able and exhaustive reports.

The Grand Lodge was then (6 P. M.) called from labor to refreshment until 7:30 P. M., sharp.