

5th.—Your Committee desire to impress upon this Grand Lodge the necessity of having a table of vital statistics introduced, and recommend that the Grand Secretary in conjunction with members of the Finance Committee, be requested to prepare a plan, to be submitted to this Lodge at its next meeting.

6th. This Committee, in presenting their report, trust that they have discharged all their duties, although they cannot be certain that they have come up to the expectations of the Committee on the Report of the Grand Master, who first refer to them "Visitations," "Beneficial Aid Society," and all other matters in said Report—then a balance of D. D. Grand Master Robertson's Report, together with a reference to Moore Lodge, and another balance of the last named Report.

7th. Your Committee would urge on the Subordinate Lodges the necessity of being more prompt and careful in their various reports, made from time to time to this Lodge, as such a course would redound to the credit of the Order.

All of which is submitted in F. L. and T.

W. B. ALLEY,  
GILBERT MURDOCH, } Committee.

The Report was discussed section by section, and adopted to read as above.

On motion of Rep. Mills, seconded by Rep. Barnes, the Report was adopted as a whole.

The Finance and Audit Committee reported :

Halifax, July 23d, 1874.

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., Lower Provinces, B. N. A. :*

Your Finance Committee beg leave to report to the Grand Lodge now in session that they have had submitted to them the Report of the Secretary-Treasurer of the Grand Lodge, and have most carefully examined the same.

The Report of Bro. W. F. Chase while not presenting to the Grand Lodge as full a report of the work during the past year as might be desired, at the same time gives a fair idea of the arduous labors of the Grand officers.

The books of the Secretary-Treasurer have been submitted to your Committee, and very carefully examined. They find the accounts have been carefully kept, and in all cases, when possible, find vouchers for amounts paid out.

Your Committee believe it their duty to call the attention of the Grand Lodge to the books that have been heretofore provided for this office, and must concur in your Committee's recommendation of last year, which in section 6th reads as follows: "And recommend that the M. W. Grand Master and R. W. Grand Secretary be appointed a special Committee to open a new set of books, and simplify or systematize the accounts as much as possible." This has not been attended to by the Committee, owing to the severe affliction that very early in the year visited our esteemed Grand Master, and which prevented him giving that attention required to the work. Your Committee again feel it their duty to impress upon this Grand Body the absolute necessity for a liberal expenditure in order to have a correct and simple manner of conducting the financial affairs of the Order. We would recommend the Secretary-Treasurer be authorized, by vote of the Lodge, to obtain and open a proper set of books.

The amount of money received last year is \$1,873.17; amount expended \$823.12, leaving a balance to credit of this Grand Body of \$550.05.