

Fellow Craft "to supply the wants and relieve the necessities of Brethren and Fellows to the utmost of his power and ability." The sublime injunction is to inculcate universal benevolence.

As every Brother is interested in this resolution, I will give a brief explanation, so that your representatives to Grand Lodge may be able to vote intelligently on the motion, with, I trust, some practical unanimity in its favor. The primary object of the resolution is the foundation of a Masonic Home, on as liberal a basis as possible consistent with our income, where we can secure the comforts of home for such worthy people as Bro. Noxon and wife, and others, who may be similarly situated. The secondary object, though no less important than the first, is the raising of funds for the relief of transient Masons who may be in need of assistance while within the limits of our jurisdiction. This branch of Masonic benevolence is now thoroughly well organized under one central board for the whole continent of America; and we expect by this means to save a large percentage of what has been heretofore paid to unworthy Masons, and to be in a position to pay over a portion of our income to the Home Fund. Let me give you a condensed statement of what others are doing:

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| Last Annual Disbursement Grand Lodge of Canada.....       | \$9,875 00 |
| Grand Lodge of Kentucky has a Masonic Home Fund of..      | 148,149 32 |
| Grand Lodge of Maine has a Charity Fund of.....           | 18,972 00  |
| Grand Lodge of Mississippi, donation to Boys' Home.....   | 690 00     |
| New York Board of Relief, last report, annual outlay..... | 1,723 81   |
| North Carolina Orphan Home ....                           | 12,000 00  |

Let us follow their example in the good work of Masonry.

#### MOTION.

*Resolved*,—That that part of the Constitution relating to members' fees payable for Grand Lodge purposes, be amended to read as follows: "Every Lodge shall pay towards the fund for Grand Lodge purposes the sum of fifty cents per annum; for each member, also, an additional sum of fifty cents per annum for Benevolence and Charity, 50 per cent. of said Benevolent Fee to be applied for the purchase and maintenance of a Masonic Home, said proceeds to be placed in the hands of three trustees, elected by and subject to the will of Grand Lodge; and the remaining 50 per cent. of said Benevolent Fee shall be applied for the support of a Board of Relief, in each District, said Boards of Relief to be composed of one representative from each Lodge, and governed by by-laws to be adopted at a joint meeting of all the Boards of Relief; any unexpended balance of the annual income of each Board of Relief to be paid over to the Trustees of the Home Fund annually."

Yours fraternally,

( JAMES FYFE,

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