

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Grand Lodge was called to labor at 2:50 p.m., this 27th day of September, 1877, 5877, Most Worshipful Bro. James Dunbar on the Throne.

The Board of General Purposes presented the following report:—

The Board of General Purposes, to whom was referred the applications for assistance, of Mrs. Wiswell and Mrs. Lane, and Bro. David B. Lewis, begs to report,—

That these applications having been presented only on the last day of the meeting of Grand Lodge, it would be irregular under the Constitution to grant any money vote to assist the applicants.

Therefore, the Board recommends that the applications lay over until the next meeting of this Board.

On motion of R. W. Bro. H. M. Alexander, seconded by W. Bro. Kennedy, the report was received and adopted.

The Board of General Purposes presented the following report as to mutual and systematic benevolence of private Lodges:—

That it appears to the Board that the most practical and feasible mode of collecting the subscriptions of the several private Lodges for the purposes of benevolence would be to amend the constitution under the caption "fees," page 56, by inserting on said page, immediately preceding the last paragraph, the following words: "Every member of each Lodge shall pay towards the General Benevolent Fund of the Grand Lodge, one dollar per annum." Should this amendment be carried, the Board suggests that the Boards of Relief for each District be organized as at present, and that the Executive Committee of each Board be authorised to draw on the Grand Treasurer to the extent, if necessary, of the amount received from the private Lodges in each respective District. In the opinion of the Board, this or some more efficient system of collecting general funds for mutual benevolence must be adopted, as the present organizations are falling to pieces for want of proper support.

On motion of R. W. Bro. M. M. Tait, seconded by R. W. Bro. J. T. McMinn, the report was received and adopted.