

Master should act as junior counsel. In these undertakings a great dearth of funds had been experienced. One hundred dollars was on hand at the time of last session of Grand Lodge for this purpose. Two hundred and ninety-one dollars had been received from the Lodges, making three hundred and ninety-one dollars in all. Of this sum two hundred and fifty had been paid to the senior counsel and one hundred and fifty to the junior counsel. The Grand Lodge of British America had only voted \$200 for our assistance in this matter, notwithstanding that they had given \$1,000 for the Jesuit bill fight and had sent \$500 to help the Ulster brethren. The disposition of the friends at Bathurst is to leave the matter in the hands of the R. W. Grand Lodge as to the course to be pursued. The R. W. Grand Master stated in answer to questions that it had been intimated that the Government and the Catholic majority of Bathurst had suggested that in the event that an agreeable settlement of the case could be reached the Government would be very glad and would pay all costs to date. The proposed basis of settlement is virtually as follows: To have parallel grading of the public school and Catholic convent school at Bathurst up to grade five; above that the children should attend a common school; for the management of these a Protestant trustee should be appointed who must be nominated by the Protestant minority and who shall have control of the Protestant grades up to No. 5, and to act in conjunction with the Catholic trustees in the management of the higher grades. The Protestant trustee must not interfere with the Catholic grades. Also, no catechism to be taught in school hours.