

Brother Martin's suggestion, which, it may be added, meets with cordial approval by the committee, is that the sum of One Hundred and Fifty Dollars be annually loaned, without interest, from the funds of the Grand Lodge, to the son or daughter of a Master Mason in this State, to be approved by a committee of the Grand Lodge, to be devoted to the education of the person so benefitted. And also that an educational fund be established by voluntary contribution from the several Lodges in the State, the interest on which shall be annually applied in the same way.

Your committee respectfully beg the attention of the Representatives of the Subordinate Lodges to the propriety and importance of an early establishment of the permanent fund referred to.

An appropriation of \$5 to \$20 per annum by each Lodge, the amount to be governed by their ability, would soon constitute a respectable fund, the interest of which would aid the direct appropriation made by the Grand Lodge. Such a fund once established, would attract the attention of benevolent individual Masons, who would no doubt make it the avenue through which to send their offerings in aid of those who under difficulties may be seeking an education.

Your committee desire to report that they have loaned \$100, the amount appropriated at the last Annual Communication, to the son of a Master Mason, John S. Boyers, a student at the University of West Virginia, highly recommended by the President of that institution. His note for that amount, payable in five years, without interest, is in possession of the Grand Treasurer. Your committee would request that the Representatives of Subordinate Lodges present would furnish them with a memorandum of the higher educational institutions in their respective jurisdictions, with the address of the chief officers of the same, and also with the names and history of any orphans or children, male or female, of Master Masons, who would be likely to prove worthy beneficiaries of the Grand Lodge educational fund."

On the subject of non-affiliation it was resolved :—

"That any non-affiliated Mason residing within this Grand Jurisdiction, and who has been unaffiliated for more than one year, shall be deprived of pecuniary aid, the right to visit, Masonic burial, or participation in any Masonic procession, unless he shall have petitioned the Subordinate Lodge within whose jurisdiction he resides for admission, and still remains subject to the government of the Fraternity."

We also extract the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence, which was adopted by Grand Lodge :—

"Your Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence beg leave to submit the following report upon the subjects referred to them by the Grand Lodge:

Has a Lodge the right to refuse a dimit to a brother paying his dues and assigning no reason for asking for the same?

Your Committee are compelled to answer this question in the negative. To affirm such a right would include the idea of enforced or compulsory membership, a relation which, 'even if practicable, would certainly be of no benefit to either party.' At the same time we take occasion to say that we cannot see how any brother, clearly appreciating his Masonic obligation, can ask for a dimit under such circumstances.

Can an officer elect of a Subordinate Lodge, who fails to be present at