

continent, will be presented in September of this year, when the Convention of the General Masonic Relief Association of the United States and Canada will be held in the city of Montreal. The Brethren of this city are alive to the importance of the occasion, many of whom have already taken action to raise funds for the purpose of tendering a whole-souled reception to those from abroad who are employed in the kindred work of extending relief and assistance to those who have been reduced to poverty and distress. I deem this matter of sufficient importance to take note of it in my report to Grand Lodge, and to express the hope that every Lodge in the Province of Quebec will mark its appreciation of any effort to cultivate a benevolent spirit in our jurisdiction. In that connection, I again ask Grand Lodge to take action on the enclosed Notice of Motion :—

NOTICE OF MOTION.

MONTREAL, Nov. 28th, 1885.

*To the Wor. Master and Brethren of**Lodge, No. Q.R.*

W. SIR & BRETHREN,

After an experience of nearly fourteen years in connection with the "MONTREAL MASONIC BOARD OF RELIEF," I consider myself justified in addressing you on the question of Masonic Benevolence and Charity, and submitting for your consideration the enclosed resolution, which I intend to bring before Grand Lodge at next session. I address you with the greatest humility, knowing that I am undertaking a task of vital importance to our Order, one upon which the whole superstructure of Masonry is erected; and I wish that some Brother better qualified than myself had undertaken the duty of bringing before your notice the importance of this question, as no doubt it is entitled to the first place in the highest aspirations of man, and worthy of the best talent in the universe as its advocate; and if I err in the manner of accomplishing the object sought to be attained, I do not err in the motives that prompt me.

We look upon our Masonic institution as a social one, having for its object a union of men possessing free and intellectual minds, who can look beyond the narrow limits of nationality and creed, and view in every man a common son of Adam. Masonry can justly claim the wealthiest and most intellectual in its ranks, yet we cannot deny that there are thousands who range themselves beneath our banner that have been reduced to the lowest depths of poverty and distress. On behalf of this latter class I propose to introduce my resolution, and I look to the ancient landmarks of our Order for strength and support. Let me remind the Apprentice that he is to be "especially careful to maintain in their fullest splendour those truly Masonic ornaments, Benevolence and Charity;" and the