

On motion of R. W. Bro. Stearns, seconded by R. W. Bro. Edson Fitch, this report was received and adopted.

The Board of General Purposes to whom was referred the application of Ashlar Lodge, Coaticook, for a remission of Grand Lodge fees, begs to report:

That having examined into the state of this Lodge, the Board finds that, owing to the great depression in trade at Coaticook, many of the large employers of labour at that place have been obliged to shut down, throwing many of the members of the Lodge out of employment, in consequence of which the Lodge almost fell into abeyance. By the exertions of the present W. M., aided by a few zealous brethren, the Lodge has been resuscitated, and all the Grand Lodge dues, up to this time have been met. But there are about 20 members of the Lodge who have not yet received their Grand Lodge Diplomas, although they are fully entitled to them. The Lodge being entirely without funds is not now in position to obtain them. The Board recommends that, under the exceptional circumstances in which the Lodge is placed, the said Diplomas be granted and that the Lodge be allowed 12 months to pay for the same.

On motion of R. W. Bro. McMin, seconded by R. W. Bro. I. H. Stearns, the report was received and adopted.

The Board of General Purposes then made the following report:—

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Quebec, A. F. & A. M.:

The Board of General Purposes begs to report,—

That having carefully and particularly examined all the evidence adduced, and papers and documents laid before it in the matter of Brother Elias Gay, lately suspended for Unmasonic Conduct, by Lodge of Antiquity, No. 1, your Board recommends that the suspension be continued until such time as said Elias Gay shall appear before this Grand Lodge, and shew cause why he be not expelled from the Order.

On motion of R. W. Bro. McMin, seconded by W. Bro. Boswell, the report was received and adopted.

Grand Lodge was then called off from labor to refreshment, to re-assemble at 2:50 p.m., this day.

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