

untainted and unimpaired, deservedly calls for special mention; and the more so, as the tendency of the age is to innovate by pernicious change and mar a wondrous system of morality, carefully veiled in allegory, and beautifully illustrated by symbols. May the wholesome reflections of our G. M. on this point be carefully pondered over by young craftsmen, whose inclination to *alter* and *improve* will be much curbed thereby.

Your Board heartily approve of the suggestion that the Asylum fund should appear in the Grand Treasurer's books, to show at a glance all the funds owned by this Grand Lodge; and in future they will carry out the proposal.

In closing this review, your Board sincerely sympathise with our M. W. G. M. in the severe illness through which he has recently past; and while commending him to the care of that All-wise Creator, who doeth all things well, they fervently pray that not only may he enjoy long life, happiness and prosperity, but that the day may be far distant when he will cease to labor in the vineyard of masonry, or withdraw from us that wisdom, prudence, fortitude and justice which have rendered his name honored, and added so much to the welfare of this Grand Lodge.

The importance of electing well skilled brethren to preside over subordinate lodges, is a subject that commends itself to the earnest consideration of every Mason, and your board earnestly hope that the well-timed reference thereto will be treasured up and become the means of securing much-needed improvement in this particular.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES SEYMOUR,
Pres. B. of G. P.

BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

The Most Worshipful the Grand Master, nominated the following brethren as members of the Board of General Purposes, for the next ensuing term:

R. W. Bro. HENRY MACPHERSON,
V. W. " THOS. WHITE,
" " DR. CLARKE,
" " M. GUTMAN,
" " HON. THOS. WOOD.

VOTES OF THANKS.

The thanks of Grand Lodge were severally granted to the brethren of London for the preparations made for the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, and the courtesy extended to members during its session; to the Railway and Steamboat Companies for their liberality in granting reduced rates to the representatives attending Grand Lodge; and to the Committee on Credentials and to the Scrutineers, for their efficient and painstaking discharge of their laborious duties.

THE RITUAL.

Moved by W. Bro. Dr. BILLINGTON, seconded by V. W. Bro. W. W. PRINGLE, that the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, the Right Worshipful the Deputy Grand Master, and Grand Secretary, be a standing committee to devise the best means of instructing the Lodges in the ritual as recognized by Grand Lodge. *Adopted.*

CONSTITUTIONS AND REGULATIONS.

R. W. Bro. SEYMOUR presented the following supplementary report on Constitutions and Regulations.

The Board have had brought under their notice by Irving Lodge, No. 154, Lucan, the following case:

A person residing at Ingersoll, removed to Lucan where he remained about nine months, certainly less than twelve. During his residence there he made application to St. John's Lodge, No. 68, Ingersoll, for the degrees of masonry. They received his petition and initiated him. It is complained by Irving Lodge that, in doing this, St. John's Lodge violated article 2, "of proposing members," in the book of Constitution.

The Board beg to report that, in their opinion, the candidate could not, until the expiration of one year, become masonically a resident of Lucan, or under the jurisdiction of Irving Lodge, and therefore continued to be masonically within the jurisdiction of St. John's Lodge, Ingersoll, who acted rightly in the matter.

At the same time the Board consider that, as an act of courtesy, St. John's Lodge should have consulted Irving Lodge before admitting the candidate.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES SEYMOUR,
Pres. B. of G. P.

On motion for the adoption of the report, the last clause of the report, which implied a censure on St. John's Lodge, notwithstanding that it had acted constitutionally, was struck out, and the report as so amended adopted.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

The following notices of motion for the next annual communication were given:

W. Bro. BARBER. That the fees and dues payable by subordinate lodges to Grand Lodge be reduced one-half.

R. W. Bro. KAHN. That at the next annual communication, he will move that the Huron District be divided into two districts.

V. W. Bro. P. G. BROWN. That the District Deputy Grand Masters be paid their expenses by Grand Lodge for one visit to each subordinate lodge in their districts.

W. Bro. JOHN E. HARDING. That the necessary travelling expenses of the District Deputy Grand Masters be paid in equal proportion by all the lodges within their district, such amount to be ascertained and paid through the Grand Secretary immediately after each annual communication.

W. Bro. W. S. MARTIN. That section 7 of proposing members of the constitutions be so amended that no candidate for initiation be received unless he receive the unanimous vote of the votes cast.

W. Bro. R. P. STEPHENS. That clause No. 1, "of District Deputy Grand Masters," of the constitution be amended so as to allow Past Masters to vote in the election of District Deputy Grand Masters for their respective districts.

R. W. Bro. L. H. HENDERSON. That it be an instruction to the Board of General Purposes to report as early as possible the expediency of reorganizing the Masonic districts within the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge.