

28 That the report of the Special Committee on the state of the Beneficent Society be adopted.

BENEFICENT SOCIETY COMMITTEE'S REPORT ADOPTED BY  
CONFERENCE.

In accordance with previous arrangements the Committee met and transacted the following business:

1st. Bro. J. McAllister having brought a matter referring to the claims of the widow Shilton before the Committee a satisfactory explanation was made, the note to which the claimant referred having been cancelled as in printed Minutes of 1858.

2nd. Another matter. The funeral expenses of the late Rev. J. Shilton was brought before the Committee, and in the absence of any evidence of the payment of those expenses, your Committee advises their payment immediately.

3rd. Your Committee recommends that in future no note shall be received from subscribers in lieu of their annual subscriptions, and that the year in which those subscriptions are not paid shall remain a blank upon the Society's books, the unpaid subscription nevertheless bearing interest at 8 per cent. per annum, which interest in all cases shall be paid the treasurer in cash, and the attention of the brethren in reference to this question is directed to the Constitution, Articles 6 and 16.

4th. Bro. Thomas Goldsmith having proposed to present to the Society the sum of \$65, being amount paid by him into the funds, with the understanding that he be allowed to continue his relation to the Society as an honorary member, your Committee recommends the acceptance of his proposal.

5th. The Committee having received a communication from Rev. B. Haigh, with reference to which they apprehend that having received yearly subscriptions from Bro. Haigh up to 1858, we are bound by that receipt to allow him the full benefit of membership.

6th. That the small sum at our disposal this year be loaned to the treasurer of the Chapel Committee, upon his giving satisfactory security.

That Bro. J. C. Warren's annuity be paid.

That Mrs. Shilton's annuity be paid.

That Bro. T. Rump's annuity be paid.

That Mrs. Hale's annuity be paid.

That from the facts before us we cannot sanction the payment of an annuity to Rev. W. Robinson.

That whereas much difficulty arises in the appropriation of the amount due to annuitants on the Beneficent Society, from the Committee's ignorance of the number of their children and their respective ages, Resolved: