

Resolved, That the distribution of the relief contemplated by the foregoing resolution shall be made under the advice and direction of the Grand Masters of the several State jurisdictions of said named States, and all proceedings hereunder by the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary shall be reported to the next session of this R. W. Grand Body.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

HENRY F. GAREY,
BENJ. KINGSBURY, JR.,
J. W. STOKES,
J. GRISWOLD.

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JAMES I. RIDGELY, Corresponding and Recording Secretary.

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OFFICE M. W. GRAND SIRE, YONKERS, NEW YORK, }
November, 1866.

To the M. W. G. Master, Grand Lodge of Canada West.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER—By resolution unanimously adopted at the September session, 1866, of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, it is made my especial duty to issue a circular addressed to the several "Grand Bodies under this jurisdiction which have not been subjected to the ravages of the late civil war," setting forth the misfortunes and necessities of our brethren who have so greatly suffered from said cause, recommending each of said jurisdictions to cause a circular to be issued to their subordinates, calling their attention to the premises, and soliciting contributions in this behalf.

In pursuance of these resolutions, I beg very earnestly to present this subject to your early and earnest consideration. The information presented to the Grand Lodge of the United States touching the misfortunes and desolation of our brethren in the Southern jurisdictions is so eloquently and elaborately set forth in the report of the Legislative Committee of the last session that I do not deem it necessary to add a single word to the appeal therein made to the liberality and fraternal spirit of the Order. That report, in detail, will accompany this circular and form a part of my official communication to the jurisdictions at large.

Allow me to commend its perusal to your early attention, and to express the hope that you will feel it to be no less a pleasure than a duty to take active and prompt measures to render this appeal eminently successful within your jurisdiction.

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