

A resolution in amendment, to the effect that the above resolution be over for three months, was lost.

On motion, voted, that a Circular be prepared by the G. S. and forwarded to the Subordinate Divisions, urging upon them the recommendation of the Committee on report of Committee on Publication, and also the resolution above.

On motion, voted, that Fifty Pounds be the sum raised for the salary of an Editor.

Voted, that a Committee be appointed, consisting of the *G. W. P. J. W. Johnston*, *G. W. A. John Campbell*, *P. G. W. P. J. McMurray*, *P. G. W. A. L. E. Van Buskirk*, *Charles Robson* and *Wm. M. Brown*.

Committee on Appeals reported as follows :

The Committee on the Appeal of Brother William Slocomb of Bridgewater Division, No. 55, against the action of that Division in the matter of his claim for benefits, beg to Report :—

That the paper marked No. 1 submitted to your Committee, purporting to be signed by Brother Slocomb, states that he feels aggrieved by the action of this Division in his case, as also the action of the Treasurer of this said Division in refusing the payment of his order for 19 weeks' benefits, admitting that the Treasurer alleged for excuse for such non-payment a want of funds, when in fact the Report of the Financial Committee of the Division for the last of October shewed that the Treasurer was in funds. That a party in the Division supported the Treasurer and his conduct, and moved and carried the rescinding of the Resolution granting him benefits. The party in support of the decision of the Division are not influenced or controverted by the applicant.

The paper marked No. 2 submitted to your Committee, purports to be a statement of the case approved by the Division, and signed by the W. P. It states many facts which taken with the By-Laws also submitted, must have influenced the Division in the decision to which they finally came. Among other things it states the commencement of the sickness of the applicant to have been on the 14th October, 1849, when absent on a voyage to the West Indies. That there was no certificate of the brother's sickness, the fact of his being so, depending on his own statement, which he did not make as promptly to the Division as he might have done on his return, at which time he was attending to his business.

The paper marked A. contains extracts from the records of the Division on the case, and that marked B. extracts from the By-Laws connected therewith.

Your Committee would here state that the facts of the case and the points for consideration are involved in much confusion, so as to