

opinion that the section of the Constitution which requires that a candidate shall have been a twelve months' resident, or shall bring a certificate from the Lodge nearest his place of residence, does not apply to the case of mariners who appear to be especially excepted. Your Committee are further of opinion, that the delay to intervene between degrees when dispensations are granted for conferring them within a shorter time than one month, should in no case be less than seven days, and the Masters of Lodges should be particular in the strict observance of this rule, and that the notice of seven clear days required for the holding of Lodges of Emergency, cannot be dispensed with, even for the purpose of conferring degrees upon mariners.

The report was received and adopted.

The Board of General Purposes reported, recommending the following money grants to be made, viz :

That the sum of five hundred dollars of the funds in the hands of the Grand Treasurer be placed at the disposal of a Committee for the purpose of procuring the necessary and proper regalia, lights, &c., for this Grand Lodge, said Committee to consist of R. W. Bros. Dunbar, Isaacson and H. M. Alexander.

That the sum of one hundred dollars be paid to the M. W. the Grand Master for the purpose of defraying the expenses incurred by him during the past year for stationery, postage, &c.

That the sum of fifty dollars be placed at the disposal of a Committee, consisting of R. W. Bros. Dunbar, Isaacson and Edgar, to be used by them in procuring the publication of a Journal, (either quarterly or monthly), containing information in reference to Masonry at home and abroad, copies of said journal to be sent to each member of this Grand Lodge,—or in any manner they may think proper in furtherance of this plan for the promotion of the interests of this Grand Lodge in this matter.

That the Grand Secretary be, and is hereby authorized to draw on the Treasurer to the extent of seventy-five dollars to cover the incidental expenses attendant on this Grand Lodge Communication.

On motion of W. Bro. Brown, seconded by W. Bro. Tees, the report was received and adopted.