

Brethren, I have carried out your instructions, and in doing so I consider the course pursued to have been the only proper one tending to promote the best interest of this Grand Lodge and the harmony of the Craft in this jurisdiction. We should, if possible, endeavor to unite with us those Masons in this Province who have differed from us. To this end no peaceful effort should be omitted on our part. In the mediator whom we have accepted, we have an able and energetic Mason, one who will spare no effort to adjust the differences between the two Grand Bodies in a manner that will be honorable to all parties concerned.

M. W. Bro. Walkem has already devoted a great deal of time to the duties which have devolved upon him in connection with this important matter, and I am sure that you will continue the confidence you have placed in him. Let us trust that it may be with the most happy and successful result.

MASONIC HOME.

At the Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge, in January, 1886, R. W. Bro. Fyfe introduced a resolution having for its object the establishment of a Masonic Home in this Province. At the same meeting, a resolution was adopted authorizing the Grand Master to appoint a Committee to endeavor to present a scheme to carry out this benevolent and laudable object. During the same year, the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. J. F. Walker, issued a circular, asking the Lodges for a voluntary contribution from their members, for the purpose of making a commencement of accumulation of funds. A few of the Lodges responded to this appeal; and if all would follow this excellent example it would be highly creditable to them, and a source of very great pleasure to me.

The formation and organization of a Masonic Home would be a noble work of charity, and ought to receive special attention from the Masonic fraternity of this jurisdiction. We cannot be too often reminded of our duty to the aged Brother, or his widow and orphans, and I do not think it out of place to again call your attention to this matter, trusting that, ere long, some practical plan may be devised to bring about the establishment of such a desirable institution by the Brethren of this Grand Lodge.