

by beg leave, unanimously, to recommend that Articles 4 and 16 of the Constitution be repealed and the following substituted therefor:—

2nd.—The membership shall consist of those affiliated Masons who join the Association in pursuance of this Constitution, without limit as to number.

3rd.—That each member shall pay the sum of One Dollar on the call of the Secretary, made in accordance with the By-Law, on the death of any member of the Association, and the sum of Fifty Cents on the call of the Secretary, to meet the claims of disabled members of the Association, in like accordance with the By-Laws.

4th.—That all sums received by the secretary, over \$2,000, on any such calls on death of members, or \$1,000 on calls on disability, shall be placed to the credit of the Reserve Fund, to be used for the purpose of keeping down and reducing the calls for deaths and disability.

5th.—That when in any one year the said calls exceed one and-a-half per cent. of the membership, such excess shall be supplied by and taken out of the Reserve Fund.

6th.—That all surplus of the Reserve Fund, not required for the use aforesaid, shall be invested and kept invested in advantageous and safe securities to answer the objects of the Association.

7th.—That the amount to be paid out of moneys received from calls on members, shall be at the rate of four-fifths or eighty per cent. on such receipts; but the sum of \$2,000 only shall be paid on the death of any member, and the sum of \$1,000 only shall be paid on the disability of any member.

8th.—That any member of this Association, who has been a member thereof for a period of 10 years and over, and who shall prove to the entire satisfaction of the Board of Directors that he is not in a position to pay *further calls*, shall receive a compensation that may be decided on by said Board; such amount of compensation to be held by the Board of Directors in trust for him till the date of his death, together with the interest (at the same rates as received by the Association for moneys invested by them), that may have accumulated on said sum or sums during the time it may have been held by this Association, and in no case exceed the amount paid by him to the Association. This clause to apply to all members in good standing at this date, and to date from January 24th, 1877; and further, said proofs of inability to pay said call must be confirmed by the W. Master and Secretary of the Lodge to which such member belongs and bear the seal of said Lodge, so that the Board of Directors may arrive at proper and satisfactory proofs to said inability.

9th.—That all Articles of the Constitution and any By-Law inconsistent with the foregoing shall be, and they are hereby repealed from this date.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

R. LEWIS, Chairman.

After which Rt. Wor. Bro. O. Klotz moved, and seconded by V. Wor. Bro. W. Carey, that the Report just read be received. Carried.

It was moved by Bro. Jas. Rippon, and seconded by Bro. R. Goulding, that No. 3 plan or scheme be substituted for No. 5 scheme. Lost.

The members present formed themselves into a Committee of the Whole and appointed Bro. J. K. Oliver as Chairman to consider the Committee's report clause by clause.

No. 1, 2, 3 and 4 Clauses were passed.

No. 5 Clause was amended by Bro. Collomore moving, and Wor. Bro. Banghart seconding, that up to the number of 2,500 membership, death calls shall not exceed 1½ per cent., and that over 2,500 members only 1 per cent. rate be made. Carried.

Moved in amendment to the amendment by Bro. J. Campbell, and seconded by Wor. Bro. Atkinson, that the death calls shall not exceed 30 in any year. Lost.

No. 6 and 7 Clauses were passed.

No. 8 Clause was amended by Bro. Collomore moving, and Wor. Bro. Banghart seconding, that when it is found that any member is unable to pay his calls, the monies paid him shall be refunded to such member with proper interest thereon and to date from that of his policy. Carried.

No. 9 Clause passed.

The Vice-President, V. Wor. Bro. R. Lewis, assumed the chair, when Dr. J. K.