

We are bound to say that we consider the action of Golden Rule Lodge No. 5 arbitrary and unconstitutional, and would recommend that the Lodge be ordered, at its next Regular Communication; or whenever the Brother making the complaint presents himself for the purpose, to examine him,—and if he be found sufficiently advanced to pass him to the Second Degree, and within the usual time thereafter, upon his undergoing a satisfactory examination and proving himself qualified, to raise him to the Sublime Degree of a M. M., unless, indeed, a distinct and sufficient charge has been previously preferred against him, and he be in due time tried and convicted thereupon.

On the motion of V. W. Bro. T. P. Butler, seconded by W. Bro. E. H. Johnson, the report was received and adopted.

R. W. Bro. Melbourne M. Tait, from the Board of General Purposes, made the following report :

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Quebec, A. F. & A. M. :

Your Board beg respectfully to report—

That at the meeting of the Board in the month of March last, 1877, the following sums of money in aid of distressed Brethren were granted :

First.—To Bro. Strothers, Grand Tyler, the sum of Twenty-five dollars, to be taken from Benevolent Fund.

Second.—To W. Bro. Lane, P. M., of Ascot Lodge, No. 30, the sum of forty dollars, to be taken from same fund.

Your Board beg further to report,

That on the application, regularly made, of Bro. C. Richardson, of St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 6, they recommend that the sum of forty dollars be granted to that brother, that sum to be placed in the hands of W. Bro. Bowen, to be used at his discretion.

On motion of Grand Treasurer, seconded by R. W. Bro. Charleson, the report was received and adopted.

R. W. Bro. Melbourne M. Tait, from the Board of General Purposes, made the following report :

To the M. W. the Grand Lodge of Quebec A. F. and A. M. :

Your Board begs respectfully to report,—

That the books of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary have been carefully examined and checked with the respective vouchers and the same have been found correct.

That there is a balance of \$1,085.20 at the credit of the General Fund, which amount is in the hands of the Grand Treasurer.

This balance is the amount after withdrawal of five hundred dollars