

## ARTICLE 3RD.

1. The widows and orphans of deceased brethren are to be relieved, as the husbands and parents would be, on the principle stated in the preceding articles.

Many other interesting reports were submitted, but they were entirely of a local nature.

The Grand Lodge by an unanimous vote presented W. Bro. W. S. McDonald with a hundred dollars, as a slight reward for the very valuable services he had rendered the Grand Lodge during the past year as Grand Clerk—which office is now abolished. Several brethren spoke in very high terms of this highly-esteemed brother and his devotion to the Craft.

The rank of Past Deputy Grand Master was conferred upon the following brethren, who have served as Substante Grand Masters, as that office was also abolished by the revised constitution: R. W. Bros. Chas. J. McDonald, J. R. Graham, Robert Brecken, and Charles White. The Grand Lodge, upon R. W. Bro. Jas. R. Forman declining re-election as Deputy Grand Master, passed a resolution for a committee to prepare an address and suitable testimonial, to be presented to that R. W. Bro. as a token of the appreciation of this Grand Lodge for the most invaluable services during the past twenty-seven years, during which he has held important offices.

R. W. Bro. Foreman thanked the brethren in a very feeling manner, assuring them it would always afford him the greatest pleasure to be of any service to the fraternity; and that he would always look back with pleasure and pride to his connexion with the order.

There was also a resolution moved, and received with great enthusiasm, to present an address to R. W. Bro. H. C. D. Twining, the retiring Grand Secretary; but he declined allowing it to be put, on the ground that he was an official receiving pay from the Grand Lodge, &c. Our R. W. Bro. Twining has served the Craft most zealously for a long time, having served as Grand Secretary of the Provincial Grand Lodge under the G. L. of England, since 1847.

The credentials of Most Worshipful Bro. Stephen R. Sircom were presented by the Grand Secretary, appointing him representative of the Grand Lodge of California, near the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia; and R. W. Bro. George Fraser, Past Grand Secretary of the Provincial Grand Lodge, under Scotch jurisdiction, also presented his appointment as the representative of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska.

The following committees were appointed by the Grand Master:

Committee on credentials—

W. Bro. T. A. Cossman, P. M.  
 " " W. T. McDonald, " "  
 Bro. Douglas McLeod, J. W.

Committee on constitution and regulations—

R. W. Bro. J. D. Nash, P. S. G. W.  
 " " J. Conway Brown, W. M.  
 " " James Gossup, P. M.