

proposed change, and would recommend that the present time of meeting of the Grand Lodge be adhered to.

Respectfully submitted.

JAMES SMITH, of No. 2.

WM. DOUGAN, " 20.

R. J. VILLIERS, " 1.

The Grand Chancellor presented the following report from the Special Committee appointed to devise ways and means for extending and furthering the interests of the Order in this jurisdiction :

The Special Committee, to whom was referred clause 4 of the Committee on State of the Order, beg leave to report :

That we have given the matter our earnest and careful consideration, and have come to the conclusion that we cannot do better than adopt the method pursued by other organizations for a similar purpose. We find that several societies have appointed one of their members to act in the capacity of what might be called a Special Commissioner, whose duties are to visit different localities and explain the objects and purposes of the society, and endeavour to institute lodges; and for every lodge he organizes he receives a certain percentage or stipulated amount. While we fully recognise the objections that have been advanced against such a course being adopted, yet we find that it has been very successfully tried by other societies, and believe that it would be to our advantage to give it a trial at least for one year. We would, therefore, recommend that the matter be left in the hands of the Grand Chancellor and Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, and that they be authorized to appoint some member of the Order, whose duties it shall be to visit various parts of the Province and fully explain the principles and objects of our Order; and for every lodge he institutes, consisting of not less than fifteen charter members, he shall receive the sum of twenty-five dollars, said amount to be paid to him from the funds collected for the Grand Lodge from the lodge instituted, and not to be charged as an extra expense against the new lodge. We would further recommend that any member or person, other than the one appointed, who may submit an application for a lodge, and the same be approved by the Grand Chancellor, and the lodge instituted with the requisite number of charter members, shall also receive the amount above mentioned.

Respectfully submitted.

JNO. H. LUMSDEN, G. C.

JNO. S. KING, P. G. C.

G. W. PLASTOW, G. I. G.

T. W. WILSON, of No. 1.

WM. DOUGAN, " 20.

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