

A ballot having been passed, the following were duly elected as members of the Board of General Purposes :

M. W. Bro. John H. Graham.
 R. " " Isaac H. Stearns.
 " " S. S. Cushman.
 " " Arthur F. Simpson.

The Board of General Purposes presented the following report :—

REPORT ON GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

The Board to whom was referred the address of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, begs to report as follows :

That the thanks of this Grand Lodge are due to the Grand Master for his able and interesting address.

That the growth in numbers and financial prosperity of the Craft generally, not merely in this Province of Quebec in which we are more immediately interested, but also in every country, is the subject of sincere congratulation.

That the Board is pleased to notice that at the Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, held at Edinburgh, that Grand Lodge unanimously resolved to open fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge of Quebec, and that an interchange of representatives has been agreed upon, a proceeding which must of necessity further and increase the friendly relationship which already exists between the two Grand bodies, but your Board is still compelled to refer to the existence in the City of Montreal of a Lodge hailing from and recognized by the Grand Lodge of Scotland, a fact which seems inconsistent with the Supreme Masonic Jurisdiction in this Province, which is claimed by the Grand Lodge of Quebec, and which seems to have been practically admitted by the Grand Lodge of Scotland. Your Board hopes that by further correspondence between the two Grand Bodies this difficulty may be arranged. Your Board equally regrets that a difficulty of a somewhat similar nature with the Grand Lodge of England is still unsettled. The action taken by the Grand Master in reference to the so-called Grand Lodge of Ontario will no doubt be approved by this Grand Lodge, at all events until further information as to the objects of the members of the Craft who have undertaken to form and organize the said so-called Grand Lodge, and the propriety or necessity of such organization shall have been supplied. This matter, however, is referred to in a separate report of your Board.

The reference to the bequest of the late Brother E. Moss, and also as to the amounts heretofore contributed by the Lodges in this Jurisdiction to the Masonic Asylum Fund have been received with much satisfaction, and the Board recognises with thanks the efforts of E. W. Bro. Lesser, who has contributed in no small degree to the attainment of this object.