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Lodges under the Jurisdiction of the Supreme Lodge, amounted to \$3,891.60, which added to the former amount makes a grand total for relief purposes of \$372,908.37, exclusive of the beneficiary payable by the Endowment or Insurance scheme of the Order. The death benefits from the Endowment Rank paid from 1878 to March 31st, 1884, aggregated the immense sum of no less than \$2,135,936. The foregoing facts and figures cannot but carry conviction to the minds of every person reading them, that the Order of Knights of Pythias is doing a noble work.

It affords us pleasure in this connection to report that an able and hard working Finance Committee reported that the books of the Financial Officers are correctly kept, and that not a cent of money has gone astray. Further, the bonds by these officers are large and safe, and ample to protect the Order even though the incumbents were disposed to be dishonest.

On the first day of the session the usual Standing Committees were appointed. Your Representatives were assigned positions on some of these. Representative Mitchell was Chairman of the Committee on Unwritten Work, and Representative King was a member of the Committee on State of the Order, also of the Special Committee on Deceased Officers and Representatives, and likewise of a Special Committee to fix the date of the next meeting.

On the call for business from Grand Jurisdiction, your Representatives presented the Resolution of Invitation from Ontario Grand Lodge to Supreme Lodge to hold its session of 1886 in Toronto. This, with similar resolutions from Colorado, California, Illinois, and Massachusetts, were referred to the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem, who, after deliberation, reported back to Supreme Lodge that they were unable to agree upon a place, and asked Supreme Lodge to decide the matter. The Supreme Lodge adopted this course, and immediately Supreme Representative King rose and moved that Toronto be the next place of meeting, supporting the motion with a strong speech, which secured for that city the largest vote on each ballot taken. All the other places named were again moved and supported by strong speeches. Several votes by ballot were recorded, Toronto each time gaining, though hard pressed by Boston, until by a vote of 41 to 32 Ontario scored a victory.

As there was a diversity of opinion as to the time, a special committee of three was appointed (Supreme Representative King being one of that number) to give the matter full consideration and report. The Supreme Lodge finally adopted the 2nd Tuesday in July, 1886, as the date of the next meeting.

The election of officers for the ensuing two years resulted in the following selection, viz.:

- P. S. C. John P. Linton, Johnstown, Pa.
- S. C. John VanValkenburg, Fort Madison, Iowa.