

faithful to the trust imposed in them, as not to report on their state, and thus give us the satisfaction of knowing whether the Divisions in their locality are alive or dead.

Since last meeting, copies of the proceedings of the National Division have come to hand, and been distributed to the Subordinate Divisions under our jurisdiction.

The alterations and amendments to the constitutions have been few. I would, however, direct attention to the following :—

The Committee on Ceremonies and Regalia presented the following report, which was agreed to :—

The Committee on Ceremonies and Regalia, to whom were referred the resolution of Bro. Hodges, asking that passwords and withdrawal cards be prepared for lady visitors, beg leave to report, that they have had the matter under consideration, and believe the interests of the Order would be advanced by having a uniform password for females, but that cards for lady visitors, are unimportant and unnecessary and they therefore offer the following resolutions :—

Resolved, 1.—That the M.W.P. be instructed to prepare annual and quarterly P. Words for lady visitors and transmit the same to the G. Scribes under the jurisdiction.

Resolved, 2.—That it is inexpedient to prepare a card for visitors.

Part 2nd of Constitution of National Division was amended, so as to read as follows :

“It shall be composed of such Grand and past Grand W. P's., and Grand and past Grand W. A.'s and such acting Grand Scribes as have served two consecutive years as Grand Scribes, as shall be elected their Representatives by a majority of the members present at such annual session of the Grand Division.”

It was resolved,—“That Divisions are not to pay per capita tax on suspended members, and members more than 12 months in arrears for dues.”

A new Ritual is to be given to the Order, composed principally from what is commonly known as the “old Ritual.” In the meantime, however, Divisions are at liberty to use such Rituals as they have on hand.

It was resolved to admit lady visitors of the Order to witness proceedings in Grand and National Divisions.

The next meeting of the National Division takes place at Indianapolis, on the second Wednesday of June next, at 2 P. M.

In regard to the employment of a lecturer for Canada, I have received no communications from any Division, except Howard, which I lay before you, and trust that some further action be had in the matter.

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