

In reference to that portion under the heading of "State of the Order" this grand body is to be congratulated on the satisfactory financial showing, notwithstanding the recent financial depression which we trust is now happily over. The ten per cent. increase in receipts and the twenty per cent. decrease in expenditure, together with the fifty per cent. increase in the benefit fund, speaks well for the management of the different subordinate lodges and shows the wisdom of the recent legislation in reference to distribution of funds. Reference has already been made in Report No. 1 with regard to the institution and revival of new lodges and we can but add that although the increase during the past year is not as satisfactory as the expenditure incurred would lead us to anticipate, yet we hope that the results of the last years labors will be seen in the near future.

With reference to that portion under the heading of "Miscellaneous" your Committee desire to draw the attention of this grand body to the fact that out of the total number of lodges in this domain only a few are incorporated and we would recommend the immediate compliance with the constitution by all subordinate lodges in the completion of their by-laws and the necessary application for incorporation.

While we heartily endorse the sentiments expressed by our Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, in regard to the Pythian papers received at his office, yet we are of opinion that this grand domain is of sufficient strength and importance to support and should have a properly conducted paper of its own.

The tabulated financial statements show a healthy condition generally, and we are pleased to notice the substantial balances standing to the credit of the benefit and general funds.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

THOS. G. SOOLE, of No. 30.

J. S. MACKAY, of No. 45.

A. G. McWHINNEY, of No. 10.

Also, from the same Committee, the following report, which was adopted :

REPORT No. 5, OF COMMITTEE ON STATE OF THE ORDER.

Your Committee on State of the Order, to whom were referred the applications for Charters from Columbian Lodge, No. 37, Windsor Lodge, No. 35, and Galt Lodge, No. 38, begs leave to recommend that in view of the fairly satisfactory showing made by these lodges that the requests be granted.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

THOS. G. SOOLE, of No. 30.

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