

I have before stated in Toronto Lodge, that the ground of appeal I have in this matter and on which I in any manner desire to appeal is that contained in the third paragraph of the appeal as presented to the Lodge on the 19th of February last, and that I distinctly desire it to be understood by the Grand Lodge and the Committee of Appeals and Grievances that this is my only ground of appeal and that I do not in any manner appeal on the other grounds of appeal set out in said appeal, and being paragraphs 1, 2, 4, 5 and 6 thereof. All I want decision from Grand Lodge on is the question whether it is in accordance with Pythian Law and the Constitution, that the evidence taken before a trial committee should be read to the lodge along with the report of the trial committee, or whether it is regular and according to law that the evidence be not read and that the lodge vote on the question of guilty or not guilty without hearing read the evidence taken before the trial committee.

I trust you will bring this letter before the Committee on Appeals and Grievances when this matter is before them, and much oblige,

Fraternally yours, in F., C. and B.,

A. A. ALEXANDER.

[Note.—The Grand Keeper of Records and Seal desires to state that the above letter, although addressed to him, was not received by him and he has no knowledge of how it came before the Committee and it should not have been made a part of the appeal papers. The appeal itself is quite definite in regard to this matter.]

REPORT No. 3 OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON OBITUARY.

Representative King, of No. 25, from the Special Committee on Obituary, stated that the Committee were prepared to report a memorial on the death of the Right Honorable Sir John A. Macdonald.

Solemn silence prevailing, Bro. Dr. King suitably prefaced the reading of the Report with a few well chosen comments upon the same, and made well-timed references to the illustrious dead. He spoke substantially as follows :

Brethren and Fellow Canadians,—To-day our country mourns the loss of its greatest son. Though this fraternity is in no sense political, our principles teach us among other duties that of loyalty to the land in which we live and allegiance to the governing power under whose protection we exercise the rights of citizenship. While this grand body cannot refer to the dead Premier either in a fraternal sense or as a leader of a political party, it can as a body, with strict propriety unite with all other loyal organizations and individuals in expressing its sorrow at the loss our common country sustains in the death of its illustrious son and most distinguished statesman. It matters not what our