

cases (that is, where the Lodge branch was strong and the Encampment branch was feeble), "would assist the Encampment branches, in some jurisdictions, by bringing legislation on the subject at their own doors, where their local wants would be best known and cared for, and could not, on the other hand, prejudice such localities in which the present Encampment system is cherished, since the same local power of legislation would equally appreciate and respect such interests and wants."

From the reasons above given against reporting "a plan of mergerment," under "existing circumstances," the committee declined to submit such a plan, and rested under the above expression of their views. This report was signed by Wm. T. Cornwell, A. F. Askew, James G. Ridgley and Alexander E. Glenn, and accompanying it was a partial concurrence from John A. Kennedy and Edward H. Fitzhugh, who "state that they are opposed to revision and mergerment in any form or to any extent;"—"still, if a change has to be made, the modified plan proposed by the committee is, perhaps, the most practicable and feasible which can be presented." The above "report was considered" and concurred in."

FINANCE.

With a view to the adoption of some system by which the work of the Grand Lodge of the United States can be carried on without the present injurious disproportion between expenses and revenue, several amendments of the Constitution and Resolutions were taken into consideration and recommended to the notice and examination of subordinate jurisdictions, viz:

1. To amend Article XIV., Section 5.—In case of a deficiency in the receipts of any fiscal year to pay its liabilities, that the Grand Lodge of the United States may "levy a capitation tax on the whole membership of the Order, or a specific tax on each Grand Body at its pleasure, sufficient in amount to pay such deficiency." See page 2957, Journal G. L. U. S.
2. To amend Article XIV., by reducing the Representative tax from \$75 to \$50. Page 2958, Journal G. L. U. S.
3. To amend Article IX., Section 2, by limiting the number of Grand Representatives to one from each Grand Jurisdiction, with power to cast all the votes of such jurisdiction, except the payment of the cost of the extra Representative be assumed by such jurisdiction. Page 2991, Journal G. L. U. S.
4. To amend Article XII., by requiring the Regular Communications to be held "biennially on the third Monday of September, at 9 o'clock, A. M., at such place as the Grand Lodge may from time to time determine." That meetings may be called by the M. W. Grand Sire after three months' notice to the several Grand Representatives. That between the regular Communications the Grand Sire, Deputy Grand