

the Grand Lodge of the services rendered during the past year, and trust that at our next meeting there will not be a single unreported district.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN S. KING, of No. 25.

R. A. CARROTHERS, of No. 2.

J. A. LINDSAY, of No. 28.

Also, from the same Committee, the following Report, which was adopted:—

#### REPORT No. 3 OF COMMITTEE ON STATE OF THE ORDER.

Your Committee on State of the Order, to whom were referred certain portions of the Report of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, beg leave to report:

1. In reference to that portion referring to "Defunct Lodges," while your Committee are of the opinion that unavoidable circumstances, such as losses through death or removal, sometimes conspire to cause the demise of a lodge, nevertheless, the want of encouragement from a visit by the Grand Chancellor is often the cause. In other words, some lodges require culture and nourishment during their infancy, especially those in towns and villages which are comparatively isolated and some distance away from sister lodges, while others have the inherent elements of a vigorous constitution from birth. We therefore recommend that the incoming Grand Chancellor do visit each lodge in this Jurisdiction at least once during his term of office, and in each case exemplify the work either on a candidate or by proxy and fully instruct the members, so as to secure correctness in rank work and essential business.

2. Your Committee would recommend that the incoming Grand Chancellor correspond with Past Chancellor Eddis, of Orillia, and the Chancellor Commander of Native Valley Lodge, with a view to finding out what can be done in regard to these two lodges, and that he adopt such measures as he may deem best in relation thereto.

3. In regard to the question of "Organizer," as it has been referred to a Special Committee, there has been no necessity for us to consider the subject.

4. The increase of membership and receipts with a decrease of expenditure is a cause for congratulation, and your Committee sincerely trust that it will be the aim of every member to do his utmost to have a still greater increase during the ensuing year. The numerical and financial returns speak for themselves, and should be examined by every lodge with a view to having the best exhibit possible each term.

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