

younger Brethren get mystified. We think if they were given more gospel and less law, the institution would be the gainer, and fewer questions would be asked.

The Grand Master reports the issuing of two commissions to Grand Representatives near Sister Grand Lodges. We quote his remarks upon the subject of Grand Representatives and are pleased to see the matter thus referred to, and hope some system may soon be adopted by which the office may become something more than a mere position of honor:

"The system of appointing Representatives to sister Grand Lodges, which is daily growing into favor and is already quite prevalent meets my hearty approval. Now it is very often a compliment to a distinguished Mason and at the same time an act of fraternal deference and recognition of the M. W. Grand Lodge, to whom the representative may be accredited. Thus far the system is a mere proffer of fraternal good will, the evidence of a disposition to cultivate nearer and more friendly relations, to multiply those ties which bind us to the craft 'wheresoever dispersed;' to assert in our sending such Representative, we are with you in spirit, and we shall welcome him whom you dedicate as your representative. But I am persuaded that this system can be rendered practically useful; that the office, now purely a mere honor, may hereafter become of infinite service in knitting sister Grand Lodges into closer communion, and in the performance of services calculated to advance the best interests of Free Masonry, to intensify its internecine or inter-state character, and carry into effect its true intention to become a language universal, connecting all kindreds, tongues and peoples."

The Grand Secretary in his carefully prepared report submits a faithful account of his stewardship. The following resolution upon mileage of Representatives to Grand Lodge was unanimously adopted:

"*Resolved*, That all subordinate Lodges be and are hereby required to pay annually before the meeting of the Grand Lodge into the Treasury of the Grand Lodge, one dollar for each Master Mason's name borne on their rolls; that the amount so paid shall constitute the Representative Fund, and shall be appropriated to the payment of mileage of Representatives to the Grand Lodge, provided that only Representatives or their proxies in actual attendance, shall be paid their actual travelling expenses and no more; and if the amount of the Representative Fund is not sufficient to pay the travelling expenses of all Representatives attending the session, said fund shall be divided *pro rata* among the attending Delegates."