

in regard to the seeming extravagance of the Supreme Lodge should have seen that such complaint contained an intelligible statement of facts; and your Committee believe that the said Grand Lodge should have asked information from the Supreme Lodge before laying the matter before other jurisdictions. We feel assured the officers of the Supreme Lodge would have given them full particulars. We would offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That in answer to the circular of Damon Lodge No. 3, Louisville, Ky., which is endorsed by the Grand Lodge of that State, complaining of the seeming extravagance of the Supreme Lodge, this Grand Lodge cannot, from the facts given in the circular, form any opinion as to whether there has been any extravagance in regard to the several items mentioned or not; but that this Grand Lodge will be ready at all times to co-operate with the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, or any other Grand Lodge of this Order, when the object sought to be obtained is to keep the expenses of the Supreme Lodge within reasonable bounds.

Respectfully submitted.

G. L. HATCH, of No. 1.

T. W. WILSON, " 1.

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

Your Committee on State of the Order, to whom was referred the communication from Bro. Past Chancellor Simpson, beg leave to report:

That we have given the matters referred to a full investigation, and find that he is in error in regard to many things of which he complains. We do not consider it advisable for this Grand Lodge to encourage any person to undertake the publication of a journal in the interests of the Order, as from what we can learn it has been tried by members of older and stronger societies than ours, and if they have not failed entirely they have at least received but a very weak support.

The cost of supplies, which he complains of as being too high, received the careful consideration of this Grand Lodge at its last Session, and was reduced as low as possible. The \$30.00 which he quotes as having to be paid to the Grand Officer instituting a lodge, besides his expenses, we can find no record of. There is no such amount to be paid. The Instituting Officer is simply allowed his necessary expenses, which are paid by the lodge instituted. The cost of the work for the several Ranks we have no control over, but believe, as it is made by several firms, that competition will have made it as cheap as possible. The charge for the Ranks can, by obtaining a dispensation from Supreme Lodge, be reduced to six dollars; but this Grand Lodge has never moved