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From a comparison of our Revenue, and Disbursements, you will see the necessity of reducing our expenses if possible, and of adopting some new source of income. The adoption of the Proxy Representation will accomplish the one object, and the sale of Blank Charters will effect the second. Both of these subjects, it is desirable, should receive the consideration of the Finance Committee, and be reported to you in some tangible form for adoption.

In reference to the compilation of the Grand Lodge proceedings, and in order to facilitate the labors of my successor, and also to ensure accuracy and order in the journal, I would recommend that all motions and reports should be in writing, and on uniform sized slips of foolscap, as it is impossible with our present practice, for the Secretary to take down correctly all the motions made verbally, or to file properly reports and motions written on all sorts and sizes of paper, varying from gilt-edged to scraps of wrapping paper and envelopes.

I would also respectfully recommend that in future the Grand Secretary be instructed to have our Journals printed the size of the Constitution volumes, and paged from the commencement of our Grand Lodge proceedings, with a view to binding, and an index as practiced by other Grand Lodges.

In conclusion, I return you my cordial thanks for the confidence you reposed in me, and the honor you conferred upon me at your last Session, and for the uniform courtesy I have received from the Fraternity in the discharge of my duties.

While surrendering my position to a worthy successor, I can only say, that if I have so far succeeded in advancing the work we all have at heart, as to merit the approbation of the Brotherhood I have endeavored to serve, my highest ambition will have been attained.

All of which is Fraternally submitted,

H. C. BINGHAM,

Grand Secretary.

On motion of Rep. Woodyatt, the G. S. report was referred to Special Committee for distribution of subjects.