

worthy Secretary in section 5 having been reversed by a vote of this Grand Lodge, by the appointment of Representative Partridge as Grand Representative, requires merely the passing notice that the Committee fully appreciate the remarks of the Grand Secretary, and admit their propriety and justice. The Report of the Grand Secretary is therefore recommended for adoption and approval.

Your Committee consider that notwithstanding the outside pressure, and under all circumstances, the present state of the Order is satisfactory, and affords cheering prospects for the future.

With reference to the Report of the Committee appointed at the last session of this Grand Lodge to investigate the affairs of Rose Lodge, your Committee recommend that the future D. D. G. M. should be instructed to obtain possession of the charter, property and funds of the said Lodge; and that the Secretary of this Lodge should be advised to grant cards of clearance to all such members as would be favorable to the resuscitation of the Lodge, so that immediate action to that effect may be taken thereafter.

Your Committee would strongly recommend that this Grand Lodge should urge upon the respective Subordinate Lodges the inconvenience and even danger of investing their surplus funds in private hands; and that it would be more desirable that such investments should be made in public securities, such as Bank Stock or other chartered institution where they can be realized when required.

With reference to the last clause of the Report referred to, your Committee would recommend that the Grand Secretary should write to Rose Lodge and express the surprise of this Grand Lodge that any such conduct as therein set forth should have been tolerated. A due respect for their own Lodge, not to mention the want of respect for the officers of this Grand Lodge, should have caused Rose Lodge to visit the conduct of the members guilty of such unworthy conduct with the severest censure; and immediate action should have been taken to remove the evil impressions likely to have been created by the occurrence alluded to.

With regard to the motion of Representative Bristol upon the subject of affording more facilities for the establishment of new Lodges, your Committee see no other mode of accomplishing this desirable object than to recommend to the nearest Lodge to retain the fees for Initiation and Degress for the candidates who are desirous to start a new Lodge, and that after the object has been accomplished by their obtaining a Charter, the fees should be handed over to the new Lodge, with the exception of the Cards of Clearance, which would have to be obtained for this purpose.

In cases such as stated, with reference to the Valley of the Ottawa, your Committee are of opinion that the locality would afford a valuable field for the introduction of Odd Fellowship; and the easiest and least expensive mode of accomplishing the object would be that the Grand