

extravagance of the Supreme Lodge in regard to their printing, &c., beg leave to report :

That we have given the subject our most careful consideration, and have examined the report of the Supreme Master of Exchequer for the year ending July 31st, 1879. We find a record of the printing in that report, as given in the circular, but can form no idea in regard to it, as quantities of work done, quality of paper used, or price per M. paid for printing are not specified.

In regard to the item, 4,000 envelopes for \$15.00, the size or quality of the envelopes is not given, and we therefore cannot pass an opinion as to whether the price paid is extravagant or not.

As to the third item, charging to the Order what seems to rightfully belong to the Endowment and Uniform Ranks, we are not informed as to the nature of the supplies, and are therefore in the dark on this subject also. It must be borne in mind, however, that these Ranks had only just been started at that time, and there would be a great deal of expense connected with them which should be chargeable to the Order at large; and your Committee have sufficient confidence in the officers and Finance Committee of the Supreme Lodge at that time to believe that they would not have allowed or passed over the appropriation of any monies of one fund for any purpose which should properly have been charged to some other fund.

The fourth item, expenses of Supreme Lodge officers, we are fully prepared to endorse, provided the expenses were legitimately incurred in the fulfilment of their duties; and as to this being the case, we have to rely upon the Finance Committee who examined the accounts. They having done so, we are bound to accept the amounts charged as being correct, until it can be shown that something is wrong, and this the Grand Lodge of Kentucky fail to do. Your Committee believe that all legitimate expenses of the Supreme Lodge officers should be paid; but desire most emphatically to express their opinion that the office of Supreme Chancellor should be entirely honorary, and protest against the habit the Supreme Lodge has got into of making a donation to the Supreme Chancellor for services rendered. We find, by referring to the Constitution, that provision is made to pay a salary to the Supreme Keeper of Records and Seal, but to no other officer; and we therefore claim that it is a direct violation of the spirit of the Constitution to pay any other officer a salary, for a donation made for services rendered is only calling it by another name. Either a specified amount should be attached to the office, out of which the expenses would have to be paid, or else the expenses only should be paid.

In conclusion, your Committee think that the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, before endorsing any complaint of their Subordinate Lodges