

has ever since held the position until the February Session of this year, when, from the state of his health, he was compelled to decline the nomination. He was Supreme Representative of his jurisdiction until 1879, when he was elected Supreme Prelate, which office he held at the time of his death. He was a Minister of the Presbyterian Church.

## FINANCIAL.

The financial standing of the Lodges this year is slightly better than what it was last year, for although the receipts are considerably less, yet the expenditure also has been reduced in the same proportion, while the amount on hand shows an increase. As each year goes round, I become more firmly convinced of the imperative necessity that exists for Lodges to have an invested fund of some kind or other, in order that drafts could not be made upon the exchequer to such an extent as is liable, under the present general system, to be done. Many would say that their funds have never been large enough to invest, and I can only say in reply that they are never likely to be unless a start is made. This is not a matter that Grand Lodge can very well legislate upon, but I mention it simply with the hope that Representatives present will think over it, and if they can see any good likely to accrue to their Lodges by acting on the suggestion here thrown out, I trust they will advocate it when they return home. There is always a certain element in every Lodge that never seem satisfied to see a large amount in the treasury, but want to keep spending the money almost as fast as it comes in. The course I suggest would, if properly carried out, effectually put a stop to all such proceedings. An exhausted exchequer means dragging out a miserable existence with a lot of empty seats; a statement, the truth of which, perhaps, some present can vouch for.

## FINANCES OF THE GRAND LODGE.

The following are the receipts and expenditures for the year ending May 31st, 1882:

Balance in hand of G. M. of E., June 1st, 1881.....	\$185 34
Receipts from all sources during the year.....	276 97
Total.....	<u>\$462 31</u>
Expenditure for all purposes.....	392 70
Balance in hands of G. M. of E., May 31st, 1882.....	<u>\$ 69 61</u>

## DETAILED STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURE.

Supreme Lodge.....	\$107 00
Expenses of Officers attending last Session.....	41 40
Freight.....	50
Salary of G. K. R. S. for 1881-2.....	100 00
Postage of G. C. Lumsden.....	5 00
Carried forward.....	<u>\$253 90</u>