

The Grand Keeper of Records and Seal presented the following communication from P. G. C. King, which was referred to the Committee on State of the Order.

TO THE GRAND LODGE KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS OF ONTARIO,
TORONTO, June 7th, 1880.

BRETHREN,—I have to express my regret that I am unable this Session to occupy my official station in the meetings of the Grand Lodge, and that I have to deny myself the pleasure of participating in the deliberations and aiding in the important business that must needs engage the attention of the Delegates. I trust that wisdom will characterize the acts of Grand Lodge, and that the best interests of the Order in Ontario may be secured through unity of purpose or action on the part of the members of Grand Lodge.

If I were present with you I should strongly favour action with a view to reducing the cost of instituting new lodges, and the reduction of the fees for the three degrees. I also think it would be prudent for Grand Lodge or the Grand Chancellor to appoint a Provincial Deputy for the purpose of organizing new lodges, the same to be paid by commission. I also think that it would be wise to memorialize Supreme Lodge to make provision for extending Endowment to all Knights in good standing without requiring the formation of sections and the conferring of an additional rank. Unless Supreme Lodge agrees to this course, the Endowment scheme, so far as Ontario is concerned, will be a dead letter.

Unless some special effort be made in the direction indicated in the foregoing suggestions, the Order will make a poor race with other enterprising Orders in Ontario. Wishing you all success in your labours and trusting that the results may be beneficial to the Order,

I remain, yours in F., C. & B.,

JOHN S. KING, *Past Grand Chancellor.*

Representative Aikman, of No. 16, from the Committee on Distribution, presented the following Report, which was adopted :

Your Committee on Distribution, to whom was referred the Report of the Grand Chancellor, beg to report and recommend :

1st. That so much of the Report as refers to "District Deputy Grand Chancellors," "Amalgamation of Lodges," and that portion under the heading "Conclusion," be referred to the Committee on State of the Order.