

This amount of supplies on hand does not include a number of old Charge and Degree Books, which have formerly been included as supplies. As they, being soiled and mutilated, are useless and represent an amount not to be realized, I would recommend that they be destroyed.

The account of the R. W. Grand Lodge U. S. is herewith presented, as also the correspondence of my office, which has been rather extensive, all of which has evinced a firm interest in the cause and a steady desire for the advancement of the principles of benevolence and peace. Your approval of my acts is respectfully asked for.

Clause 11.

I deem it quite necessary that a copy of all correspondence of this office should be kept on file. To that end I would recommend that the Grand Secretary be authorized to procure for his office a small letter press and copy book.

In conclusion, permit me to congratulate you on the increased membership and much improved state of the finances during the year just closed, and to thank you all kindly for the uniform courtesy and forbearance shown me. To P. G. Masters H. C. Bingham and James Woodyatt, late Grand Master R. Wigmore and Most Worth Grand Master Henry McAfee am I especially indebted for valuable assistance and timely advice.

With the hope that the business of this session may be transacted with that harmony which has always characterized the meetings of this Grand Lodge, this report is fraternally submitted.

J. B. KING,

Grand Secretary and Treasurer.

