

Brighton Lodge, Bro. Ivens, Manchester Lodge, representatives to this Grand Body. The report was received and delegates took their seats.

The Committee appointed to draft a reply to the address of welcome, presented their report.

*To J. W. Wallace, Esq., President Westminster Lodge, Lindsay :*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER.—The Grand Lodge of the Sons of England Benevolent Society, now in session, have received with very great pleasure the Address of Welcome so kindly and heartily presented by you in behalf of your Lodge, and do accept the same in that friendly and fraternal spirit in which it has been presented. We feel at home in your pleasant and flourishing town, and have been so hospitably and generously entertained by your citizens as well as yourselves, that we shall most certainly carry away with us the happiest recollections of our visit to Lindsay. We thank you for your well wishes for our prosperity, and are pleased to be able to inform you that this is not only the largest, but gives promise of being the most important session yet held. We desire you to convey to Westminster Lodge, our hearty appreciation of this expression of their welcome coupled with our fraternal wishes for their continued success.

Signed,

R. CROFT HULME, Grand President.  
JOHN W. CARTER, Grand Secretary.

On motion the report was received and adopted.

The Committee on Laws and Rituals presented their report.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RITUALS.

*To the Most Worthy Grand President, Officers and Members of Grand Lodge,  
S. O. E. B. S.*

Your Committee on Laws and Rituals beg to report that with reference to the Rituals referred to us from Delegate King, Albion Lodge, we recommend the adoption of the same by this Grand Lodge.

JOHN S. KING, M. D.,

Chairman.

On motion the report was received and ordered to lay on the table.

The Committee on Audit and Finance presented their report.