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OF THE

SUPREME GRAND PRESIDENT.

To the Officers and Members of Supreme Grand Lodge, S.O.E.B.S
Peterborough, March 10th, 1896.

BRETHREN,—It affords me much pleasure to welcome you to this the Twenty-first Session of our Supreme Grand Lodge; and to have the honor to submit my official report for your consideration.

Since our last Supreme Grand Lodge meeting the Society has been working under new conditions, owing to the changes then made in the Constitution.

I have watched with solicitude the operation of the Constitution in its amended form as the year passed, and am now pleased to be able to report gratifying results, which appear in the improved finances of many of the Subordinate Lodges and the generally better business tone pervading the Lodges.

At first some little opposition was shown to the reforms by a few, but after eight months' experience we find the members are beginning to understand the new order of things and are satisfied with the changes

The calls in the Beneficiary Department have been paid with greater regularity than heretofore, and the secretaries of Lodges now make their returns of Beneficiary monies with commendable promptness, thus enabling the work and book-keeping in the Supreme Grand Secretary's office (which has been very largely increased by the new system) to be methodically conducted.

Ten per cent. of all monies received on account of assessments has been placed to the credit of Reserve Fund in the bank, in accordance with Supreme Grand Lodge decision, and I am glad to say the scale of monthly payments, as fixed by Supreme Grand Lodge, has proved ample to meet all claims.