

the Constitution is imperatively demanded by the present and prospective condition of the finances of the Grand Lodge, which cannot now or hereafter sustain the present representation with an annual session.

The Grand Lodge received, at the hands of the city authorities of the city of Nashville, a public reception at the Capitol of the State, which was worthy the reputation of that city for a genial and graceful hospitality. The sessions of the Grand Lodge were held in the hall of the House of Representatives, by invitation of that body. The Grand Lodge also visited in a body the residence of the late President James K. Polk, by invitation of Mrs. Polk, and were entertained by her with her accustomed grace and urbanity. They also, by invitation of the Odd Fellows of Nashville, visited the Hermitage, and tomb of Andrew Jackson, where a chair was presented to them, and some special exercises had, which are explained by the following resolutions:

On motion of Past Grand Sire John A. Kennedy, the Grand Lodge *Resolved*, That the hickory arm chair, presented through the M. W. Grand Sire, be accepted, and that the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be instructed to have the following inscription placed, in a permanent form, on the chair: "Presented at the Hermitage to the Grand Lodge of the United States, I. O. O. F., by G. Rep. H. K. Walker, of Tennessee, on behalf of Dr. John Marshall Lawrence, a member of the family of the late Andrew Jackson, who constructed the chair with hickory withes grown upon the Hermitage estate, Nashville, September 20, 1860."

Rep. Mills, of Kentucky, moved the following resolutions, which were adopted:

*Resolved, unanimously*, That this Grand Lodge hereby express the great pleasure derived from our visit to Mrs. James K. Polk, and tender to that estimable lady our unfeigned thanks for her very elegant, courteous and hospitable reception of this Grand Lodge.

*Resolved, unanimously*, That the Grand Lodge of the United States fully appreciates the kind endeavors of the members of the Order in Nashville, to contribute to our comfort whilst in that city, and the efforts they have made to this end shall be remembered with pleasure and gratitude.

*Resolved*, That our honorable reception at the State Capitol, our visit to Mrs. James K. Polk, and our excursion to the Hermitage, are worthy of special remembrance, and will be cherished by us as amongst the most pleasant incidents of our lives.

*Resolved*, That the presentation of the hickory chair, at the Hermitage, by Dr. J. M. Lawrence, is peculiarly calculated to excite our admiration and our pride, and we rejoice to have such a memorial from the home of the illustrious soldier, statesman and patriot, Andrew Jackson, intrusted to our hands.

*Resolved*, That the above resolutions, together with the resolution offered by Rep. Kennedy, of Southern New York, in reference to the inscription to be placed on the chair, be published in the papers of this city.

Rep. Shinkle, of Kentucky, on behalf of Olive Branch Encampment, No. 6, of ash wood, presented a gavel to the Grand Lodge of the United States, made of ash wood, obtained at the home of the late Hon. Henry Clay.

On motion of Rep. Strong, of Mississippi, it was

*Resolved*, That the gavel presented to this Grand Lodge by Olive Branch Encampment, No. 6, of Kentucky, be accepted, and that the thanks of this Grand Lodge be returned to Olive Branch Encampment for the same.