

## REPORT OF THE SUPREME REPRESENTATIVES.

## THE SUPREME LODGE.

The Twentieth Convention of the Supreme Lodge just concluded, will remain in Pythian history as the most interesting and exciting ever held. The results attained we feel justified in saying, will be of lasting benefit to the Order. Whatever may have been the temporary disposition or utterances of the members of the Supreme Lodge, there can be no doubt that the general desire was to work for and attain the best possible legislation for the Order.

On the morning of August 22nd, the members of the Supreme Lodge, and the citizens of Indianapolis generally, were confronted with a most scurrilous sensational and untruthful article appearing in the Indianapolis "Sentinel," reflecting upon the integrity of the Supreme Lodge officers and members of the Finance Committee, charging misappropriation of funds, and a general mismanagement of our affairs. We do not desire, nor is it necessary for us to go further into this subject than to state that the entire article was entirely void of truth, and in our humble opinion the work of some dissatisfied or disappointed member of the Order unworthy the name of a Knight of Pythias. We leave to our readers the judgment of the editorial management of this so-called prominent journal, that would seek to bring dishonor upon the members of the Supreme Lodge while the invited guests of their city.

At the request of the officers, who had been so unwantonly attacked, a committee of investigation was appointed, and after a full investigation the report of the committee completely exonerated all officers and committees of the charge of extravagances and dishonesty, and further reported that while every effort had been made to discover the person who had given the information to the paper, they had failed to do so, though it was stated to have been a Supreme Representative. We desire here to state, along with (we believe) the entire body of Supreme Representatives, our

utmost confidence in the ability and integrity of our Supreme Lodge officers.

Below will be found the

## REPORT OF THE INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE.

Representative Bangs, of North Dakota, presented the following report of the Investigating Committee:

## DOCUMENT 301.

To the Supreme Lodge, Knights of Pythias:

Your Special Committee appointed to inquire as to the authorship of a certain article appearing in the Indianapolis "Sentinel" of August 22nd, 1893, entitled "Lodge is Bankrupt," and to investigate the allegations and insinuations therein contained against certain officers and members of this body, respectfully report:

First. That since the appointment of said committee it has held daily and nightly sessions, and had before it many witnesses; that every person, whether a member a member of this body or not, whose name was connected in any manner with the said article, or who was reported to your committee as knowing or likely to know anything regarding the same, was subpoenaed before the committee to testify in relation thereto; that to the best of the committee's ability every rumor of which it had knowledge was carefully traced to its source; that no stone has been left unturned in the effort not only to discover the authorship of the article, or the source of information, but also to discover as to the truth or falsity of the charges and insinuations.

Second. That among the witnesses examined were Samuel D. Morse, editor of the Indianapolis "Sentinel," and Harry Brown, assistant city editor and reporter on said paper; that these gentlemen, while admitting full knowledge as to the authorship of the article, positively refused to disclose it, Mr. Brown, the reporter and the person who prepared the article for publication, stating to your committee that the particular matters in said article complained of were furnished him under the seal of secrecy. Each of these gentlemen claimed to know that the person furnishing the information was a member of this



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