

to the small contribution for lodge expenses and the relief of a poor distressed brother. I am of the opinion there ought to be some regulation prohibiting the enacting of such by-laws."

The Grand Lodge ruled that it was not advisable to interfere with the right of each lodge to control the dues. The following resolutions were adopted unanimously :—

"Resolved, That hereafter no person who is engaged in keeping a saloon or selling intoxicating liquors to be used as a beverage, shall be initiated into any subordinate lodge in this jurisdiction, nor shall any Mason who is so engaged be received in any lodge by affiliation.

"Resolved, That it is hereby made the imperative duty of all lodges in this jurisdiction to exclude from lodge and ante-rooms all intoxicating liquors.

"Resolved, That the intemperate use of intoxicating liquors is hereby declared to be a Masonic crime, and it is hereby made the duty of all lodges to restrain the same as far as possible by trial and punishment."

Bro. Duncan McGregor reports on correspondence, and notices Canada for 1888.

M. W. Bro. Myron Reed (Waupaca), G. M.

R. W. Bro. John W. Laffin (Milwaukee), G. S.

WYOMING.

15th Communication, Green River, December 3rd, 1889.

M. W. Bro. William Daley, G. M.

Owing to the great dimensions of the territory and the wide distance between the lodges, the Grand Master says that the expense to be incurred in visiting the lodges is too great to be borne at present. There were no grievances or questions of jurisprudence. A new lodge was formed at Rock Springs.

The Grand Secretary has a most excellent report on correspondence, from which we make the following extracts :—

"We are pleased to note his approval of the system which would require a receipt for dues from all visitors desiring to visit a lodge or who seek relief. Our position exactly; sooner or later some plan will have to be adopted to bar out the frauds, dead beats and impostors. Our views on this subject and remedy for the existing evil of receiving into lodges any and every one demanding and passing an examination finds expression in our former reports. There is virtually no protection against frauds who travel on their cheek. A receipt or some other protective system or plan if adopted would greatly benefit members and lodges. * * *

"He falls to see any danger to Masonry in progression, and we are pleased to hear him say so. The few who cling like the grim tyrant to old obsolete regulations and ideas which, at the present time are about as useful as the fifth wheel to a waggon when the others are all sound and intact, have anchored themselves solidly against everything connected with improvement and progressive ideas in no manner intended to or which can injure Masonry. If we cannot go over a mountain we can go around it, and Masons will continue to do the latter until the mountain of absurd claims and red tape becomes as a mole hill or is entirely obliterated. * * *

"And we here assert that it is supremely ridiculous to hear Masons say, orally or in writing, that they will not profit or learn anything from any other organization; for instance, admitting that Masonry has certain fixed and unalterable laws, is that any reason that more such laws should be acquiesced in because usage and custom for a time have adopted them, when all the same questions have long since been agreed upon, adopted in the same sense by other organizations and found to work like a charm because they are constitutional landmarks and are more securely fixed and unchangeable than our own. It is an old saying that man never gets too old to learn and men generally admit this, but Masonry seems to be the only thing that has grown too old to learn anything or profit by experience. The fact is, even the school of the latter and the last resort of education is ignored."

M. W. Bro. Leroy S. Barnes (Laramie), G. M.

R. W. Bro. Wm. L. Kuykendall (Cheyenne), G. S.

CONCLUSION.

We are glad to notice that more attention is being paid every day to the cultivation of Masonic knowledge outside of mere ritualism. The History and Symbolism of our Order contain matters of deep moment