

Representative Wallis, of No. 1, from the Committee on Finance, presented the following Report, which was adopted :—

REPORT No. 1 OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

Your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the Financial Statement of the Grand Master of Exchequer, beg leave to report :

That we have carefully examined such statement, and checked it with the books and vouchers, and have much pleasure in stating that we find it correct. Balance on hand, \$196.48.

Respectfully submitted,

C. H. WALLIS, of No. 1.

J. C. MURDOCH, of No. 16.

Grand Master of Exchequer Peace, from the Special Committee on Obituary, presented the following Report, which was adopted :—

REPORT No. 4 OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON OBITUARY.

Your Special Committee on Obituary to whom was referred the matter of the death of Past Supreme Chancellor Hon. John Van Valkenburg, of Fort Madison, Iowa, beg leave to submit the following memorial and resolution :

One by one our leaders depart from this earthly scene of action and pass through the dark valley to a new sphere of existence. Among the departed are Brothers Davis, Dowdall, Cowan, Read and Rathbone, all valiant leaders of the universal brotherhood. Each one a star in the Pythian firmament. To the preceding list is now added the name of Brother John Van Valkenburg, Past Supreme Chancellor, the historian of the Order and one of the most brilliant of all the Pythian orators, scholars and workers. To the Order in Ontario he was better known than some of the others, as his commanding presence and silver tongued orations on behalf of the Order universal were seen and heard by thousands on the memorable occasion of the meeting of Supreme Lodge in Toronto in 1886, while he was Supreme Chancellor. But the interest in his triumphant success as a Pythian Knight had part origin in a knowledge of the fact that he was born at the village of St. George, in this Grand Jurisdiction, about two hours' ride from this present gathering.

The Order owes much to his personal efforts, teachings and writings, and to his garnering of many of the valuable enunciations of the principles of Pythianism by prominent brethren of different jurisdictions.

It is a pleasant reflection that he died as he had lived, respected and honored by men of all stations in life.