

written to the Grand Master relate to subjects which are plainly and distinctly provided for in the written Constitution of this Grand Lodge, or have been adjudicated by this Grand Lodge. It should be remembered that the Constitutions of Masonry are required 'to be read frequently in the Lodge, that none may pretend ignorance thereof;' and the proceedings of the Grand Lodge should be studied with equal assiduity, for the same reason."

There appears to have been some trouble over a deficit in the account of the Grand Secretary of \$1,329.33 in 10 years' transactions. The Committee to whom the matter was referred, were satisfied that the deficit is 'attributable to no intentional misappropriation. A sum of \$635.35 was allowed the Grand Secretary on his accounts—and the balance ordered to be paid to the Grand Treasurer. The receipts, including investments, (\$7,770.44) were \$12,967.34. Expenditures \$5,043.76.

The new Grand Secretary Bro. George E. Hoskinson, appears for the first time as Chairman of Committee on Correspondence in a capital and well written review of over 40 Grand Lodge Proceedings.

Ours of 1872 receiving full notice, and quotations from the address of our Grand Master and D. G. M. Our review is called an able report. Commenting upon a remark of Grand Master Johnson (Alabama, 1872) who in his address regretted that the Grand Lodge had recognized Quebec at the previous Session, he having "serious doubts as to the propriety or justice of our action," he says:

"Be not alarmed, Most Worshipful Bro., nor doubt the justice or expediency of your former action. You did well, and the first impulse of a generous nature was the correct one."

Quoting a decision of Grand Master Pratt (California) who pronounced a candidate qualified (although *objected to* on the ground that "he had not two eyes as a man ought to have") and that he might notwithstanding "prove an exemplary Mason"—remarks thereon:

"So a man might make 'a most excellent and exemplary Mason' with but one leg, but that one leg will not enable him to balance himself upon the ancient landmark.

"The whole sum and substance of the ancient law is that a man to become a Mason shall be sound in mind and body, without spot or blemish. The perfection of the physical qualification is to be the outward exemplar of the inner man, that which is hidden from all eyes save the All Seeing. And as Masonry is a system of morality, veiled in allegory and illustrated by signs and symbols, so this perfection of the physical is a symbol of the wholeness and entirety of the moral man."

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