

Master as the supreme authority in the jurisdiction, are to be followed.

8th. A candidate for membership in the Order, who has been elected in a Lodge where he resides, cannot be initiated in a Lodge located where he may temporarily reside, upon the request of the Lodge electing him; but all initiations must take place in the Lodge in which the applicant is elected.

9th. Societies of the Degree of Rebecca, composed of ladies in possession of that degree, the Regalia Room and the work of that degree used, are irregular, unauthorized, and in contravention to the legislation of the Grand Lodge of the United States.

10th. The law of the Session of 1864, prohibiting anniversaries, &c., without the consent of the Grand Master or Grand Patriarch, predicated upon the promises that no intoxicating beverage would be used, is not intended to prevent Lodges and Encampments from joining in a public procession in regalia, in connection with other organizations when invited to do so by the civil authorities; and permission for that purpose may be obtained from the respective jurisdictions under such regulations as they may prescribe.

These decisions of the Grand Master were severally confirmed by the Grand Lodge, except the 7th, which was modified by the R. W. Grand Lodge. (See page 3821, 3843, Journal G. L. U. S.)

The Report of our venerable and highly esteemed Brother, Grand Secretary Ridgely, is replete with a vast amount of information, and fully shows that our beloved Order never was in the same healthy condition as it now is; and what goes far to substantiate this is the fact, that the revenue also for the fiscal year ending September 1, 1865, has far exceeded that of any previous year.

The Grand Treasurer's Report shows the finances of the R. W. Grand Lodge to be in a most satisfactory condition, the total amount to the credit for the period above mentioned, sums up \$31,224 02, while the disbursements during the same time was only \$17,425 02, leaving a balance in the Treasury of \$13,799 00.

The Report from the Finance Committee, and which is substantially as follows, was adopted.

Resolved,—That the Digest hereafter be sold at \$1.50 each, with a discount of 33 $\frac{1}{3}$ per cent., when fifty or more copies are purchased at one time.

Resolved,—That the Grand Lodge of the United States hereby remits the tax of the Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments of Virginia, South Carolina, North Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas; and of Grand Lodges of Florida, Arkansas, and Vermont, for the years 1861, '62, '63, '64.

Resolved,—That the notes of the Grand Lodge of Vermont, for Representative tax for said five years, and notes of Grand Encampment of North Carolina, given for taxes and supplies previous to 1861, be and are hereby cancelled.

Resolved,—That the Grand Secretary be, and hereby authorised to furnish upon reasonable credit to such institutions, whatever supplies he may deem necessary, during the current year,