

6. Your Committee are pleased to find that there has been considerable improvement both in the membership and finances of the several Lodges, as shown in the numerical and financial statements of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, and trust that the same will continue.

7. Your Committee, in view of the fact of no new Lodges having been instituted during the past year, would suggest that a greater effort be made to increase our Roster, and awaken a more general interest in the Order throughout the province.

8. In regard to that portion of the Report of the G. K. of R. and S., under the head "Financial," in which he refers to the necessity of having a proper division of Lodge funds, so as to put a stop to reckless expenditure, your Committee would strongly endorse his remarks thereon, and would recommend that the Representatives give this matter their personal attention and bring it up for discussion in their Lodges. Your Committee would almost recommend that Grand Lodge legislate upon the subject, but think, perhaps, that it would be better to lie over till next Session.

9. Your Committee earnestly trust that there will be a large increase in the membership during the next year, and hope that no effort will be spared by the officers of Grand Lodge in trying to extend the Order, both in the eastern and western sections of the Province.

Respectfully submitted.

W. J. VALE, of No. 3.

S. E. HALL, of No. 4.

WM. DOUGAN, of No. 20.

The Report was considered *seriatim*.

Sections 1, 2, 3, and 4, were adopted.

Section 5 was struck out, it not being considered expedient to reduce the Grand Lodge Assessment at present.

Section 6 was adopted.

Section 7 being under consideration, Representative Gardner, of No. 4, offered the following amendment, which was adopted :

That section 7 be not now adopted, but that it be referred to a Special Committee consisting of Representative Gardner, of No. 4, Dougan, of No. 20, and Leslie, of No. 16, to devise ways and means of carrying out the suggestion of the Committee.

Sections 8 and 9 were adopted.

The Report, as amended, was then adopted.

Representative Villiers, of No. 1, from the Committee on Law