

that he may be the means of having a lodge started in Leamington, and would recommend that the Grand Lodge Officers give him all necessary information and assistance to accomplish the same.

We regret to hear through the Report of D.D.G.C. Williams that Huron Lodge has been losing a number of members through withdrawals, and that the hard times has prevented many additions being made to the membership, but trust that with the approach of better times a more encouraging Report will be made next year.

In regard to the amalgamation of lodges, your Committee have already reported on the same from the Report of Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.

Your Committee are pleased to hear that the Grand Chancellor has received the hearty support of his Deputies and the Grand Lodge Officers.

Respectfully submitted.

W. H. ROOKS, of No. 2.

D. J. PEACE, of No. 3.

J. W. ROMBOUGH, of No. 12.

Also from the same Committee the following Report :

Your Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the communication from Past Grand Chancellor King, beg leave to report :

1st. We would strongly recommend the reduction of the cost of instituting lodges, as we believe it to be for the best interests of the Order that the institution should be made as cheap as possible.

2nd. We would report adversely to any reduction being made in the fees for the ranks.

3rd. We would recommend that the suggestion made in regard to a Provincial Deputy, for the purpose of working up and instituting new lodges, be not entertained.

4th. Your Committee endorse the opinion expressed in regard to provision being made to have the Endowment plan extended so as to admit of any member obtaining it without having to take an extra rank ; and would recommend that this Grand Lodge, through its representatives, petition the Supreme Lodge to abolish both the sections and the rank, which your Committee believe to be a useless expense, and a detriment to the Endowment plan.

Respectfully submitted.

W. H. ROOKS, of No. 2.

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The Report was considered seriatim and adopted.