

Representative Hatch, of No. 1, from the Committee on State of the Order, made the following report, which was adopted :

Your Committee on State of the Order, to whom were referred the numerical and financial statements of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, beg leave to report :

That we have carefully examined the same and find them correct. We regret to find a small decrease in membership, caused by the suspension of members; but are pleased to find that, notwithstanding this falling off, the receipts are much increased and the expenditure decreased.

Respectfully submitted.

T. W. WILSON, of No. 1.
G. L. HATCH, " 1.

Representative Rattray, of No. 4, from the Special Committee on "The London Disaster" and "Deceased Members," made the following report, which was adopted :

Your Special Committee, to whom was referred that portion of the report of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal referring to "The London Disaster" and "Deceased Members," beg leave to report :

That, in regard to the great London disaster, we fully endorse the action of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, in bringing it before this Grand Lodge, as we believe with him that it is a national calamity, and one on which we as a benevolent society should give an expression of our sympathy and sorrow; the more especially as one of the members of our Order lost his life through it. We would offer the following resolution :

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge deeply regret the sad and awful disaster which occurred on the river Thames, near London, Ont., on Her Majesty's Birthday, by which so many of our fellow-beings were hurled into eternity, and take this the first opportunity afforded us of expressing our heartfelt sympathy and sorrow with the bereaved ones."

In regard to that portion of the report of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal referring to "Deceased Members," your Committee regret to learn that death has knocked at the portals of Calanthe Lodge, No. 18, Acton, during the past year, and carried off Bro. Past Chancellor Fred. H. Storey. Although he was never at Grand Lodge, and known to but few present, yet he was one of the most active members of his own lodge, of which he was a charter member. We would offer the following: