

The Grand Keeper of Records and Seal read the following telegram received from Grand Chancellor Taylor, which was ordered to be filed:

SARINIA, June 8th, 1880.

To Geo. H. Mitchell, G. K. R. S., London.

Am sorry I will not be able to be down. I ship all by express at eleven a.m. to day.

W. F. TAYLOR, G. C.

The Grand Keeper of Records and Seal presented his Report, which was referred to Committee on Distribution.

REPORT OF THE GRAND KEEPER OF RECORDS AND SEAL.

OFFICE OF THE GRAND KEEPER OF RECORDS AND SEAL.

GRAND LODGE K. OF P. OF ONTARIO,

TORONTO, June 8th, 1880.

To the Officers and Representatives of the Grand Lodge.

I submit for your consideration my Report for the year ending May 31st, 1880.

CONDITION OF THE ORDER.

Last year, in submitting my Report, I was unable to give a very flattering statement of the condition of the Order in this jurisdiction; and, I am sorry to say, that this year I am compelled to acknowledge that it is even worse. A reference to the Numerical and Financial Statements herewith will show a great decrease in the number of our members and the funds of the Lodges. This is, no doubt, due, in a great measure, to the severe business depression under which the country has been labouring; and, as we are now being informed that the good times are beginning to return, I trust that, having gone backward as far as it is almost possible to go, we shall from this session begin to advance. One thing is certain, however: We cannot afford to stand still. Measures must be taken at this session to strengthen the Order here and increase the number of our Lodges. For that purpose I would suggest that the supplies be furnished at a small margin above cost to Lodges at organization. At the present time we supply Lodges with charter, rituals, installation books, odes and jewels, which cost about \$63. If we furnished them at say 10 p.c. above cost, the amount would be only about \$32.00, just about half, and it is needless for me to say how valuable such an amount to a young Lodge would be. A Lodge starting with fifteen members, after paying for its supplies, is left without a cent in its treasury, if not in actual debt; and, in order to pay its way, the members have to be continually putting their hands