2nd. A case was submitted to me by one of my Deputies in regard to the election of Officers and Representatives, in which more ballots had been cast than there were number of members present. I ruled that a new ballot must be taken.

3rd. The By-laws of Equity Lodge, No. 17, being submitted to me for approval, I ordered that a part of section 8, article XI, where for certain causes the expulsion of members was provided for, to be struck out, as I know of no law that provides for expelling members. I would strongly recommend that should it be necessary to ever have such a law, that the power should be only vested in and exercised by the Grand Lodge.

DISPENSATIONS GRANTED.

During the year dispensations were granted to Mystic and Enterprise Lodges to confer the Rank of Knight on a Page on the same evening in which he was to receive the Rank of Esquire.

MONIES RECEIVED.

This amount, six dollars, was forwarded by me to the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.

CONCLUSION.

It would be impossible for me to conclude my Report without making special mention of our Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, Bro. Geo. H. Mitchell, who has proven himself to be a Secretary of unusual ability, and has at all times performed his duty promptly, faithfully and intelligently.

In conclusion, allow me to say that during my term of office I have tried to do my duty to the extent of my ability, and if, in any respect, I have failed, or made a mistake, it has been an error of judgement, and not of desire. Should such have been the case, I trust that I may obtain mercy from a charitable Brotherhood.

Hoping that my successor may be more capable, more earnest, and have greater success than what I have had, and with many thanks for your kind indulgence, I remain,

Fraternally yours in F. C. and B.,

WM. F. TAYLOR,

Grand Chancellor.

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