

rages in this day and age of the world sinning against light and knowledge? When the universal Christian Church so views it, then will the victory be ours. British Templars, feel the responsibility of your high position, and go forth to duty as worthy of your name and calling. I trust that those of us assembled at this session are actuated by the purest and noblest motives in coming here, let the promotion of our cause and not the election of Officers be our main business. Questions will come before you that will excite a variety of opinions, meet them with the liberality, impartiality and candor that should characterize legislative deliberation. I trust that nothing may occur to mar the harmony of the session, but that all may be conducive of the best interests of the Order.

I cannot close my too lengthy address without tendering you my sincere thanks for the honors you have conferred upon me in the past; I can assure you that I do not lightly esteem your confidence; the trust reposed in my keeping has been jealously guarded as my own private right—and, may I hope, my official course has given you no cause to regret your selection. I assumed the office much against my inclination, but if I have proved worthy, I am more than repaid for the time and talents used in the discharge of so onerous a duty, and retire praying that the blessing of Almighty God may be more abundantly poured out upon our labors. All of which is respectfully submitted in F. H. & C.

REV. A. M. PHILLIPS,
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The Most Worthy Grand Secretary's Report.

To the Officers and Members of the Most Worthy Grand Lodge, British Templars:

SISTERS AND BROTHERS,—Again, as your Secretary for the second time, I beg to report. I am sorry that in many respects the work of the year has not been everything I should have liked. I know that continued changes—easy action on the part of some of us—the old system of credit, has materially helped on such a state of things. I can understand how Grand Secretaries who got no Returns or Tax for the whole year, from Primary Lodges, aye, from whole Counties, should not be able to give satisfactory Reports to this M. W. G. Lodge. Still there is something wrong. We began this year with a debt due us of nearly \$700.00, and owing something like the same. How do we stand to-day? Receipts for whole year, \$526.35; nearly \$200 less than our debt or dues last year, including bills paid. Expenditures, \$739.90; or, I have had actually to pay out of my own pocket \$213.55. And this, though the expenses of my office is \$20 less than last year, making no mention of expenses of M. W. G. Chief, or the salary of your Secretary for the present year. I know many may feel aggrieved that I do not pay old bills. How can I? I have attempted, so far as in me lay, to pay for all that we ordered for the year, and this to save our credit. Our debt was never so small as at present. Permit me to take the several divisions of my office work for the year in order.

1. During the year we have purchased a Charter stone, which, I hope, will forever make the delays in issuing Charters to Primary Lodges an impossibility. Charters have been issued for Ontario, Nova Scotia, P. E. Island and Newfoundland; according to resolution, of last M. W. G. Lodge, these have been on paper. This stone is our own, and, let me add, is paid for.

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