

**MINORITY REPORT OF
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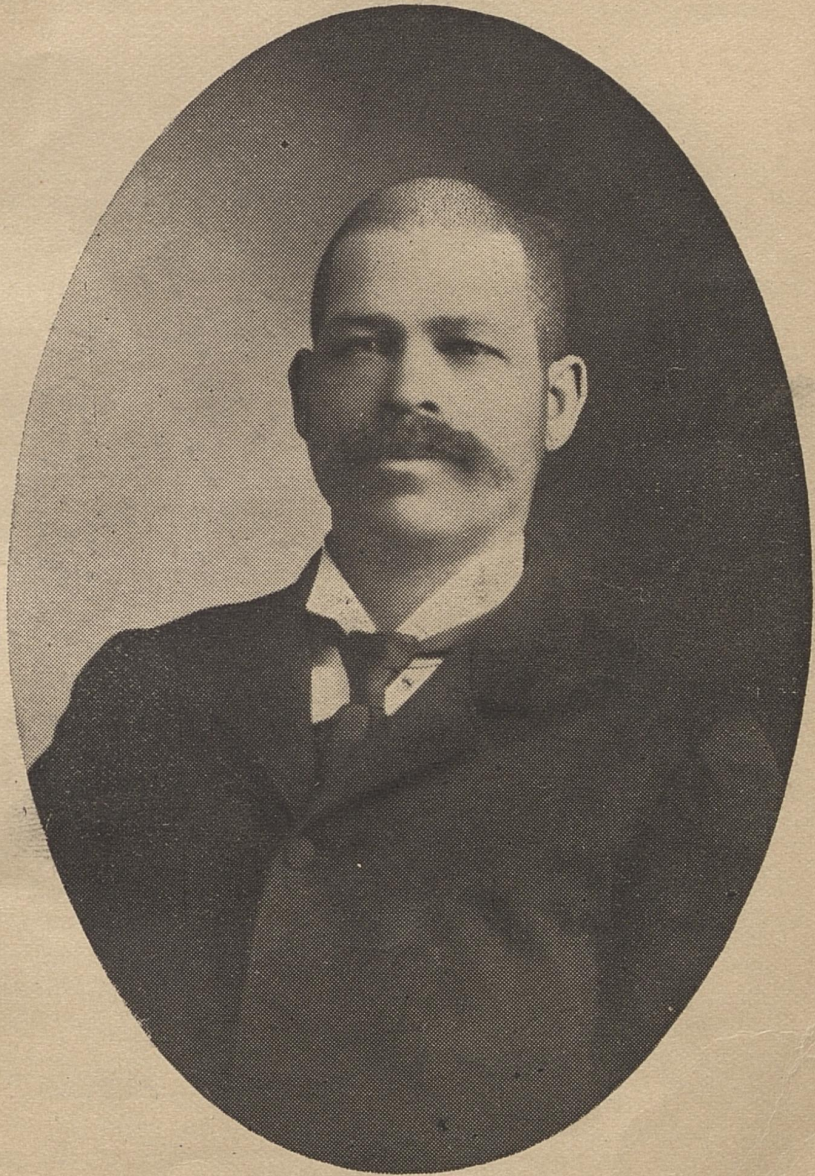
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—AND SISTERS OF THE—

**MYSTERIOUS TEN AND
JUVENILES**

GEORGETOWN, KENTUCKY,

AUGUST, 1913.



E. W. GLASS,
Member of the Grand Board of Managers

**MINORITY REPORT OF E. W. GLASS, OF THE GRAND
BOARD OF MANAGERS FOR THE TERM ENDING AUGUST,
1913.**

Georgetown, Ky., August 13.

To the Officers and Members of the State Grand Lodge, U. B.
& S. M. T. of Kentucky:

Greetings—I beg leave to submit the following minority report, and by way of introduction, and in order that every fair-minded member of the order, from the humblest to the most exalted, may readily understand the true situation, makes the following statement of facts, the truth of all of which he is willing to submit to the calm arbitration of any authorized and unprejudiced committee which may be designated:

The author of the report was re-elected a member of the Board of Managers in August, 1911, by acclamation, for a term of two years. The first quarterly meeting of the Board was held in October, 1911. I was prevented from attending this meeting, and my first meeting with the Board, as a member, occurred at the residence of Brother Stephen Bell in Louisville, Ky., on the 17th day of January, 1912. We assembled in the parlor of Brother Bell's residence, and there were present as members of the Board, Brothers Perkins, LaPrelle, Davis, Russell and E. W. Glass, and as ex-officio members, Grand Master Tardiff and Secretary Bell. In addition to these members of the order there were also present the omnipresent John Gaddy, of Louisville, who seems to hold the important post of mixologist for Brother Bell on the occasion of Board meetings held at Bell's residence, and also Mrs. Bell and her two children. Upon my entry into the parlor alone, I found the company which I have just named, sitting in a circle, and I started forward to shake hands with Mrs. Bell, who might be regarded as the hostess. She deliberately snubbed me, not only by withholding her hand from my extending one, but refused to speak or recognize me in any way. but Grand Master Tardiff, who was next in the circle, relieved the situation in a measure by opportunely grasping the hand which had been extended to the lady whose roof then sheltered me, and who has the distinguished honor of being the wife of Secretary Bell. You can imagine the painful situation in which I was thus placed, but notwithstanding the rank discourtesy with which I had been treated, I felt it was my duty to the people, who had unani-

mously elected me, to guard their interest, to stick it out, no matter how wounded my feelings, or to what embarrassment I might be subjected.

At this meeting held by the Board, and at the place and under the circumstances I have detailed, there was little or nothing done. There were no books ready for the inspection of our Board, no reports to be examined, so said Secretary Bell. True, we made some allowances based on what Secretary Bell said was available. Then, after that Secretary Bell laid before the Board a statement that he had in his residence a large front room, immediately over the parlor and on the second floor, admirably suited for the meeting of the Board of Managers, and ample in size, not only to accommodate the members, but all of our furniture, books, reports, stationary, etc., and that if the Board desired to occupy it, that he would put it in order for our every need, a place where we could have the privacy and accommodations of a regular lodge room, and all for the sum of six dollars per month.

I will be frank to say that the change appealed to me, and it was on my motion that the committee rented the room at that price and for that purpose, and I might say in passing, that this was in January, 1912, that there has been drawn from this lodge's treasury the sum of one hundred and twenty dollars by Secretary Bell and that there has never been a single meeting of the Board of Managers in that room "over the front parlor," so admirably suited to our need, so free from all interruptions and the noise of children, has no more been occupied, used nor enjoyed by the Board of Managers than have the sacred temples of India. At this meeting, as upon all occasions, I protested most vehemently against the approval of the report of the secretary in the absence of any report from subordinate lodges, or other evidences for the guidance and information of the Board. This report of the meeting of January 17th was prepared by Bell (or at least the financial statement was of his creation), and he, or some one else, signed my name to it without my knowledge or consent, and in truth, I never heard of it in any way until its publication.

At the April meeting he failed to send me the reports of subordinate lodges and temples, which aggregated nine hundred and thirteen dollars and sixty cents, and that in utter disregard of the resolution offered by me, seconded by Brother Perkins and passed at the January meeting, and by virtue of which Chairman Davis appointed me the committee to EXAMINE ALL LODGE, TEMPLE and JUVENILE RETURNS COMING TO THE GRAND SECRETARY EACH QUARTER. These reports

Hopkinsville, Ky., July 20, 1912.

Prof. H. C. Russell, Secretary of the Grand Board of Managers,
Frankfort Ky:

Dear Sir and Brother: By a resolution passed Sunday, July 14th, 1912, each member of the Board of Managers is permitted to sign the report, as same must be submitted for signature to the members of the Board by the Secretary. The report, as prepared by you, as Secretary, is at hand, but as to its correctness, I have no personal knowledge, notwithstanding the fact that I have the honor of being the Committee for the Board on Lodge and Temple Returns. That admission is a criticism, either of myself or of some other officer, for as such committee, it is my especial duty to have personal knowledge; and in my own defense, will state that the failure of the Grand Secretary to turn over for my inspection all Lodge and Temple returns makes it impossible for me, as Committee, to certify to the correctness of the report. Consequently, my signature would only be perfunctory and meaningless, and worth nothing, being entirely ignorant of the real transactions of which it is composed. I feel for me to sign same would be an imposition upon my constituency; consequently, I withhold my signature until the Grand Secretary places before the Grand Board of Managers all the data, from which a report that is worth the paper it is written on, must be based. Of course, the annual report is made up from the quarterly reports, and I would quadruple the offense if I should mechanically affix my signature to same. I will join all real friends of the order in a demand that the Grand Secretary make a complete show down, as required by the By-Laws and Constitution of our Order, and until same is done, I firmly adhere to my determination not to follow blind faith in affairs entirely temporal; it is not business, it is not right.

Very Respec't, Yours in J., M. and T.,
E. W. GLASS.

Among others, I sent Prof. M. L. La Prelle and W. D. Cardiff a copy of this, and under date of August 9, 1912, Mr. La-Prelle sent me the following:

Sharpsburg, Ky., August 9, 1912.

Hon. E. W. Glass, Hopkinsville, Ky:

Dear Sir and Brother—Yours of the 6th inst. was awaiting me when I arrived from my school this p. m. I read the letter intended for publication in the circular very carefully and at least a half dozen times. I have studied it from every angle, and I see nothing in it but trouble. If it is for the good of the

aggregating, as I said a while ago nine hundred and thirteen dollars and sixty cents, were from seventeen lodges, twenty temples and eleven juvenile departments. Not only I, but other members of the Board, appealed to Secretary Bell to send in these reports, but all were in vain, and asking him to do his plain duty in no wise affected him, and in pursuance of his usual stoical way, he failed and refused to send in the reports so essential in checking his own statement at the July meeting, 1912.

Upon the examination of Secretary Bell's April, 1912, circular I was astounded to find, under date of April 22, 1912, at page No. 13, the following statement, which does not contain even the semblance of truth:

"The report of the committee on Lodge and Temple Returns (Brother E. W. Glass), was found to balance with that of the Grand Secretary and was therefore approved."

At the July, 1912, meeting, in order to guard against any more misleading and deceptive untruths, I offered and secured the passage of the following resolution:

"Resolved, it shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Board of Managers to prepare in detail the minutes of each meeting, and submit them to the individual members of the Board for their approval, or correction, before the same is turned over to the Grand Secretary for any sort of publication."

Another resolution offered by me in that same meeting, and adopted, was as follows:

"Resolved, that hereafter all bills, claims and accounts approved by the Grand Board of Managers, shall be itemized, listed separately and printed in the Quarterly Circular."

Yet another:

"Resolved, that all Grand Officers and Committees, whose duty it is to report in any manner to this Board, shall make their reports in writing, over their signatures, and same shall be printed in the next Quarterly Circular."

Such bills and claims as suggested by Secretary Bell upon his own statement as to our financial condition which he told us, were allowed and the Board on motion, then adjourned.

After this meeting and upon my return home, and upon my examination of the report sent me by the Secretary of the Grand Board of Managers, and which I received and declined to subscribe my name to on account of various irregularities in the office figures of the Grand Secretary. I addressed the following letter to the Secretary of our Board:

Order there is a better way to get at it.

In the first place, you know we have a lot of tardy lodges—that do not send in their reports, in some instances, until about the date of our meeting, and sometimes later. You have passed a rule that if the reports are not in by the expiration of fifteen days after the 15th that such reports will not appear in the minutes. Many reports are received by Bell too late to send on to you. Hence, it is impossible for you to examine and tabulate them.

Now, to be honest with you, I think that if you wanted to keep up with the work, you should devote more than three hours to a meeting. You came in, inquiring what was the hour for meeting—and you made a motion to fix it at 2 p. m., when you knew that the majority of the Board would have to make the train at 6 p. m., or leave Steve's about 5—giving hardly three hours to such important work. We should meet at such time that all reports could be thoroughly examined, the Secretary's minutes read and approved and signed before we adjourn. I considered it all a huge humbug for him to send each of us a copy to sign and return before printing. I saw in it simply a pretext for a howl, and I am not in the least surprised that you have raised it. I did not object to your motion. I allowed it to go through, as I said at the time, to satisfy you, if it is possible to do so. But I told the Secretary not to send me a copy, but to sign my name and go ahead. I MEANT IT.

It is time for all of this seeking an excuse to raise Cain should be cut out. I think we had enough of it last year. It seems to me that you want to make the Grand Secretary a rogue and a rascal. You want to stir up strife in the Order. I am not with you on that line, but I'll tell you what I will do: If the Board will take more time for their meeting, say, come in on Saturday night and go over every book, report, order, voucher, receipt and all—I am with you. I am against this pot house political "filing of protests" and "objections." We are brethren—and there is a brotherly way to set others right, and I favor that way and no other.

I will never give my vote or my consent for you to publish your objections and protests at the expense of the Order. If you should get it through, then I shall claim the right to file a reply through the same source.

You may expect to meet me armed Cap-a-Pie for this fray if you persist in pushing it and I feel that I am your equal in every respect.

Yours in J., M. T.,

M. L. LaPRELLE.

In self-defense and in explanation of my position, I wrote him as follows:

Hopkinsville, Ky., August 28, 1912.

Prof M. C. LaPrelle, Sharpsburg, Ky.:

Dear Sir and Bro—Your letter of the 9th inst. received, and I was somewhat surprised at its tone. In one breath you advise brotherly co-operation, in the next you hurl a challenge. In fact, I cannot tell whether you prefer that I exemplify the teachings of the Lowly Nazarine, in this matter, or whether, like David of Old, I should go forth armed Cap-a-Pie for the adversary. Perhaps the Golden Rule as our precepts at this time would obviate the necessity for brain storms, and lead to a happy solution of the matters in hand. Certainly I do not want to create strife and discord in our Order. I may be wrong and will admit that you may have inside information sufficient to satisfy you that the affairs of our Order are in fine shape, but you procured such information, if you have it, from private audience with the Grand Secretary, and not in any meeting of the Board of Managers, which, unfortunately, is the only source of information open to us. You may know all about the bonds of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer. In fact, you may have approved them, and the bonds may be all right, yet as a member of the Board of Managers, whose duty it is to approve those bonds, I must confess that I am ignorant of the character of the bonds; for they have never been exhibited to the Board of Managers, and no order of said Board approving the bonds encumber the records of the Board, unless put there in chambers.

Our charter would indicate that ours is a representative Order and if the mere suggestion of a member of the Board that the affairs of the Order be carried on according to the direction of the law offends, then I would, if in your place, change the charter. As long as we are supposed to have representative government in our Order, it is manifestly unfair for some of the less favored members of the Board to be kept in the dark until they become suspicious; then for the knowing ones, inside fellow* if you please, to bring forth the records spotless and clean and make an ass of the fellow who honestly seeks the run of affairs, not through curiosity or spleen, but simply through a sense of duty. Your method of getting matters straight, or, the better way you suggest, seems curious. What better way could be pursued than for the Board to come together and have an expert accountant audit the affairs of the Order, publish the result and inspire confidence throughout our Order? It is not necessary that anybody be a rogue or rascal,

as you put it, to warrant periodical inspection of the affairs of the Order. It is simply good business policy pursued by all good business corporations. The cause of discord would be removed, and so long as dilatory tactics and excuses prevail, clandestine proceedings are made necessary, which is all wrong, and the parties responsible are the ones that cause the conditions, and not those that would correct them, and your accusation of an humble member indicated to my mind that sentiment overrides duty in your case. You speak of limited time. The Grand Secretary has to furnish his report, but if you will inspect his duties, you will find that he has fifteen days. Study your laws and the rules adopted by the Board; then read what I say. Inspect my record, and I believe you will admit that I am not of the Political Hot-House variety. The difference between you and myself is simply this: You are willing, it seems, that the Secretary should sign your name, and I hold it my sworn duty to sign my own. In temperal affairs you go by faith; I demand works. Your loyalty is beautiful, and possibly well placed. My duty is solemn, my actions seemingly stern—merely a difference in temperament. You accuse me of trying to stir up strife. Say, in fact, that I am seeking to raise Cain, but allow me to suggest that the condition of our affairs at this writing are of such that unless something is done, a sufficient basis will be laid for our constituents to raise h—l.

To flee the wrath to come, rather than reach any goal you may conjure in your mind, is the mainspring of my activities. I may be unduly alarmed from your letter; it seems that I am so rather than invoke a controversy, I plead for greater and sufficient assurance to satisfy me that we are not trenching on dangerous ground. Now, I want to assure you that I prefer not to cast suspicion on the officers of our beloved Order; neither do I want to quarrel with the pleasant and honorable gentlemen at the head of affairs, and if you carry out your proposition to straighten out things, the matter is settled, but there must be no more evasion or excuses. We must have a business meeting, failing in which, I would hardly seek your permission to publish what I may.

Here is what satisfies me: I want an accounting made by an expert accountant at U. B. F. Hall, where an executive session would not be an affront to our Grand Secretary; demand painfully simple and manifestly right. Then you may differ and we will shake fraternally.

Yours,

E. W. GLASS.

In answer to my continual clamor for a proper investigation, at a proper place, into the financial affairs of our Order, as

administrated by Grand Secretary Bell, I received from Grand Master Tardiff the following letter, dated August 16, 1912:

Standford, Ky., August 16, 1912.

Hon. E. W. Glass, Hopkinsville, Ky.:

Dear Sir and Bro: Your letter received. Now as to the matter of the Board, etc.: I have decided that the only thing to do is to call an extra meeting of the Board at the earliest date possible—a two-days' meeting to audit the finances of the Order from Mt. Sterling to the end of this Grand Lodge year. Whatever the findings might be to be condensed and statement be prepared in that meeting and the same published to the Order. As far as I am concerned, I believe that it will help matters generally. To make the effort a success, however, each man must go into that meeting in quest of but one thing and that is the truth of the situation. All personal feelings, likes and dislikes should be discarded and an honest effort to do the right for the best interests of the Order should be the sole actuating motive. I have written Bro. Davis and also Bro. Bell suggesting Saturday and Sunday, August 24th and 25th, for the meeting. I suggested simply these dates because I was not quite sure that Bro. Bell would have the time to clear up the mail matter that has accumulated in his office during the three weeks he has been away.

I begin my annual visits on September 2nd. My schedule is now out and things must take definite shape, no matter who it hurts, before I begin my visits. I have no criticism to offer upon the letter you have prepared, because all men have a right to their opinions, but I doubt the wisdom of promiscuously sending out matter of that type. It creates all sorts of rumors and produces feelings of unrest that are more injurious to the Order at large than the evil it would remedy, while, in fact, it does not remedy the situation at all. A thoughtless remark that I made at the last meeting of the Board relative to the History Committee was taken to parties interested and told in a way to really wound the feelings of the party, while there was nothing further from my mind. I simply reverted to it as a reason why we should advance no more money until a settlement was made.

I trust that we will get together like men and brothers, turn the searchlight on and then let the Order move on.

I am Fraternally Yours, Etc.,

W. D. TARDIFF.

And on August 21, 1912, I thus replied:

Hopkinsville, Kl., August 21st, 1912.

W. D. Tardiff, Grand Master, Standford, Ky.:

Dear Sir and Bro: Your letter of the 16th received; also your

official call, came to hand this morning. I notice the call is for the meeting to be held at the office of the Grand Secretary, which, as you know, is at the residence of the Grand Secretary, and by experience, am warranted in saying that the meeting would be in the presence of his immediate family and friends. A meeting called under such circumstances as the one you now call, it seems, should be held at some other place, the U. B. F. Hall, for instance. My experience at former meetings at his residence has been such that I do not care to place myself in a position where the ordinary courtesies might not be observed, or where I could not act with deliberation on the important matters that makes such a meeting a necessity. I quite well remember that the Grand Secretary took it as an insult to him in his own home, because I asked for an executive session of the Board. I am willing to pay the expenses of a meeting at the Hall, and would gladly attend, and do what I could, to establish our Order on a sound financial basis, and inaugurate a system commensurate with good business method. If everything is all right, I certainly would endorse a report to that effect; if wrong, somebody must sound the alarm, and as much as I dislike unpleasantness, prefer it to dishonor. Get an expert accountant, review the financial condition of our Order, get it so that all members of the Board fully understand, so their signatures would mean that each member was strictly behind same, and then I pledge you my most hearty co-operation. I think this is not unreasonable; in fact, it is right, and to this end have I striven, not for my personal likes or dislikes or any other motive save for the good of the Order. I would be glad to attend a meeting any time after the 25th inst., but my engagements are such that I can not possibly meet with you on the 24th and 25th of this month. Fraternaly yours,
E. W. GLASS.

In answer thereto the Grand Master wrote me under date of August 26th, 1912:

Standford ,Ky., August 26, 1912.

Dear Bro. Glass:—Your letter of the 21st received on the 23rd, inst. I regret very much that you and Bro. Davis were unable to attend the meeting of the Board at time suggested. I have instructed the G. S. to declare the meeting off 'till such time as might be convenient. As for myself, I shall be on my annual tour as per schedule enclosed. I am due in Louisville October 2, 3 and 4, about two weeks before the October meeting is due. It was my earnest desire to have had this matter settled before beginning my work. I have but one motive actuating me, and that is

to foster the interests of our Order and extend its usefulness. The trouble is, we have not gone at this work in the proper spirit. Take for instance, the difference in totals as between your findings and that of the G. S. at our last meeting. He had calculated upon a greater number of reports than had been sent you, and the amounts reported by the subordinates in some cases included tax and premium money which you had figured as a whole, while he had separated them. To have been technically accurate, he should not have included any save those sent to you, but being anxious to make the showing as good as possible, he figured in those that came in after. Not only that, he reports these itemized in my circular which, had they been faulty, the lodge or temple incorrectly credited, has had ample time to so state itself. It is true, as has been said, the G. S. should not have submitted his report with my circular, since it was to the Board that his report was due; but in all of this I see nothing so grievous, if we all act in the right frame of mind, but what an adjustment cannot be reached. Whether we care to acknowledge it or not, the fraternal spirit that should characterize members of our institution does not prevail in our Board meetings, and until we get away from our present modus operandi of doing things, no good is going to be accomplished. We go into these meetings in a bad spirit, in a rush to get through, draw upon the Order for per diem, board and expenses for three or four hours of ineffective work, and for three months after the air is full of this, that and the other that some one carries out from the Board. All of this is ill-becoming in us to say the least of it. I have yielded to every suggestion and contention coming from the Board this past year, and particularly have I shown special deference to you, but to call the meeting elsewhere than at the office of the Grand Secretary, for which use we are now paying rent, or to employ an expert accountant at this stage of the investigation are two concessions that I cannot make. If need be, every book of record and voucher in his office can and will be turned over to your Board, and if among you five gentlemen there be not ability sufficient to determine whether the records are being honestly kept or not, then the Grand Lodge has erred in the selection of this Board. It is not a question of technicality or even irregularity that I wish to have settled, but rather, the implication of "dishonor" and dishonesty. I trust that you see my position and will agree that it were time for the administration to get to doing something instead of keeping up an internal conflict, which is doing more to cripple the institution than any one thing. If a time can be found—except the Sabbath—when the Board will have time to meet, the records

shall be THOROUGHLY investigated. I am sending you a carbon copy of my schedule.

Fraternally Yours, Etc., in J. M. T.,
W. D. CARDIF, Grand Master.

To Mr. E. W. Glass.

And the following was my reply to that:

August 28th, 1912.

Hon. W. D. Tardiff, Grand Master, Standford, Ky:

Dear Sir and Bro: Your letter received and contents noted. I admire your tendency to adjust matters in the best possible way looking to the interest of the Order. I also realize your great responsibility and have some little conception of your duty in the premises. Now, if there should be irregularities, why would you not want them settled? Quoting from your letter, you used these words "It is not a question of technicality or even irregularity that I wished to settle, but rather the implication of dishonor and dishonesty." Would not such irregularities be a good basis for the implications referred to by you? Who has charged dishonor or dishonesty? Why this delicacy when I, the disturbing element, have only asked a plain compliance with the rules and requirements of the Order? I complained that the bonds of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer have not been approved by the Board of Managers, and you know my contention is true; this seems to me an irregularity that the Grand Master should take cognizance of. Why have you done it?

If you will take the October, 1911, quarterly report of the Secretary, also the January, 1912, quarterly, and March, 1912, quarterly; also July, 1912, quarterly reports, you will find the totals collected from lodges, temples and juveniles, as shown on those quarterlies to be seven hundred and sixty-eight dollars and eighty-five cents (\$768.85) less than totals made by an adding machine. A mistake in addition in the year's business of seven hundred and sixty-eight dollars and eighty-five cents (\$768.85). I had it added at a bank here, and with the foregoing results. In your language: "If the Secretary has not sufficient ability to determine an error like that, then the Grand Lodge has erred in the selection of a Secretary."

At the January meeting the Grand Secretary did not have his report ready, and so stated to the Board, although he had seventeen (17) days after January 1st, 1912, to make it, and the Grand Board approved his report without seeing a figure. Was that right? What is the province of the Board? Why in the name of common sense don't you abolish the Board? Evidently you do not need one.

At that same meeting, owing to a protest from your humble servant, a rule was passed requiring the Grand Secretary to submit to me, as a committee, the returns for inspection, and he was ordered to close his books fifteen (15) days after the quarter ended, which in case of March quarter would have been April 1st, 1912, and the Board did not meet until April 21st, 1912; yet the Secretary failed to turn over to me seventeen lodges (17), twenty temples (20), and eleven juveniles (11), a total of nine hundred and thirteen dollars and sixty cents (\$913.60). Now, what kind of courtesy is shown me by the Grand Secretary? What should your attitude be in the matter? Would it not be best to annul the rule, or force compliance with same?

The Secretary also fails to report sales of constitutions, sales of charters, sales of rituals, state taxes, national taxes and special taxes K. of P. to the Board for examination, as the by-laws require, and only reports same as a total. Is that right? It seems one man rule is the only thing that will produce harmony. Blind faith in temporal matters is inexcusable and unworthy of men in high positions.

I complained because the meetings of the Board were held in the parlor of the Grand Secretary, and in the presence of his family and friends, when it should have been held in a private room, especially if the Secretary receives rent for that purpose. Don't you think my complaint is well founded?

I also complain because the Grand Board performs entirely to the satisfaction of the Secretary, and under his dominion and power, where the members of the Board are dependent on the courtesy of the Secretary, which is not exceedingly gushing, especially when his feelings become wounded when an executive session is called for. Don't you think that we could get along better in a meeting where every member has as much right to be there as the Secretary, or even the Grand Master himself

If apologies and excuses have to be made for an officer he is not rendering the kind of service you should require, and while I do not want to appear as disgruntled, neither do I want to implicate any one, but I insist on having this matter straightened out along lines I suggested, believing them right and expect your hearty co-operation. I shall be careful in what I say and try to say what I mean, and object to my letters being read between the lines and preserve a copy, and am willing to face my record and will face it at the proper time and place.

Fraternally yours,
E. W. GLASS.

Then he again addressed me under date of August 30, 1912:

Standford, Ky., Aug. 30, 1912.

Hon E. W. Glass, Hopkinsville, Ky:

Dear Sir and Brother: Your letter of the 28th is before me. Before replying to same I wish to state that I have cancelled my date at Wade's Mill September 7th, and, in keeping with the wishes of the Chairman of your Board, instructed the G. S. to call the Board in extraordinary session for the 7th and 8th inst, the meeting to be called to order at 6 p. m. of the 7th. The meeting will be held in the office of the Grand Secretary and not in Br. Bell's "home." Whatever room we may select shall, at the request of the Board, be "exclusive" even from the intrusion of the members and friends of Mr. Bell's household. Referring now to your letter, I wish to say that you fail to grasp my meaning when I stated that "It is not a question of technicality or even irregularity that I wish to have settled." I had reference to the purpose of the Special meeting. The technicalities and irregularities referred to were specified such as the tabulation of a greater number of lodge returns than had been sent you, and the differences in method of calculation between you and the G. S. These things I opined could be attended to at the regular meeting and not necessitate a special. If you recall, however, in your letter you used this language directly: "As much as I dislike unpleasantness, I prefer it to dishonor." You now ask who has charged dishonor or dishonesty? It has not been directly charged but undoubtedly strongly hinted at if not implied, and not "between the lines" either. In reference to the bond of the G. S. and G. T. I am frank to say that if the Board has ever called for them, I am not aware of it. At each meeting I have brought the G. S.'s bond with me and it is now in my possession. The Board has never filed a bond with me so far as that is concerned. So far as the discrepancies between the totals for the quarters referred to as made by G. S. and the "adding machine," I am not now in a position to say anything. It is perfectly competent, however, for the consideration of the Board, and I have this day instructed the G. S. to have an official tabulation made by "adding machine" of the Quarters under dispute, for the convenience of the Board. I am not disposed to condone or defend error or even to offer amends for deliberate and persistent negligence, should either charge be sustained against any of our officials. All I ask is that whenever they are made that it be done in a brotherly manner, according to every man the privilege and opportunity of a fair and impartial hearing.

If the pending investigation be prosecuted in this spirit and actuated by such motives, a satisfactory result can and will be obtained regardless of its bearing upon any individual; but, if on the other hand, we proceed along other lines, no matter where

the meeting might be held, it will result in no good to the Order, but simply widen the apparant breach that seems to exist between those of us who are directly responsible to our membership for the management of the affairs of the Order.

I shall come to Louisville by first train Saturday and along with the rest of the Board I hope to meet you in that frame of mind and with a plan of procedure mapped out that will expedite the business of the Board and render effective its ultimate findings.

I am yours for the "Good of the Order,"

W. D. TARDIF, Grand Master.

At the special September meeting, held on the 7th day of September, 1912, I renewed my demand that a public accountant be employed to investigate and audit the books and reports of the Grand Secretary, stating that our committee had no complete reports upon which to act, nor the books to inspect. Thereupon the Grand Secretary became enraged, and suiting his actions to his words, began to deposit books, reports, etc., upon the table in a manner more reckless than business-like, accompanying his actions with the statement that there was nothing wrong with his books, or conduct of his office; that he was tired of my insinuations, and indicated his willingness to settle the whole thing in a manner not in accord with parliametary usage, to say the least of it. I recognized that I was in his home and had neither the right nor the inclination to engage in a personal encounter with him. I therefore, after the tumult had in a measure subsided, voluntarily offered to retire from the meeting. Against this the Board protested loudly, insisted that I should be seated, and he too, finally, said that I should remain, though he never did apologize for the shameful treatment of a guest and brother. As soon as order came out of chaos, I presented my bond, which was approved by the Grand Master. I then called for the bond of the Grand Secretary, and to my astonishment found that it was for only \$2,500.00, when the law of the Order required \$5,000.00 indemnity. On my motion, the bond was increased. I then asked for the bond of the Treasurer, and when exhibited, it showed the amount to be \$5,000.00, as required by law.

Thereupon, as the Committee on Reports, Books, etc., I arose and gave to the Board the following statement, which I had prepared from the Grand Secretary's report showing that according to the resolution regularly passed we were directed to investigate from September, 1910, to July, 1912, inclusive, but to this the Grand Secretary demurred, saying that we had no right to make an investigation covering that period of time, and that we had no right to go further back than the last quarters, but it was the sense of the Board that we did have, or at least we took the right

and I thereupon read within the hearing of the Board the following statement of differences between the actual addition of the items set forth in this circular, and which I had computed on an adding machine, and the totals which he had made for inspection in his circular. In short, the real difference between the true and proper addition of the sums paid in and the amount which he showed the totals to be:

1910.		
Oct.	October Circular, Bell	\$ 6,218.90
	Correct Total	6,441.35
	Shortage	\$222.45
1911.		
Jan.	January Circular, Bell	\$ 5,868.25
	Correct Total	5,870.10
	Shortage	\$1.85
Apr.	April Circular, Bell	\$ 5,356.50
	Correct Total	5,562.00
	Shortage C	\$205.50
1911.		
July	July Report, Bell	\$ 4,910.80
	Correct Report	5,109.85
	Shortage	\$ 199.05
1911.		
Oct.	October Report, Bell	\$ 4,796.75
	Correct Report	4,972.90
	Shortage	\$176.15
1912.		
Jan.	January Report, Bell	\$ 4,875.10
	Correct Report	5,005.25
	Shortage	\$130.15
1912.		
Apr.	April Report, Bell	\$ 4,683.15
	Correct Report	5,039.95
	Shortage	\$ 356.80
1912.		
July	July Report, Bell	\$4,417.60
	Correct Report	4,523.35
	Shortage	\$ 105.75

222.45
 222.45
 205.50
 159.05
 176.15
 130.15
 356.80
 105.75
 1399.70

This showing that according to the figures submitted in his circulars, the Grand Secretary was indebted to the lodge in reality \$1,397.70 more than the totals in his circular show. There upon the Grand Board of Managers adjourned to meet September 8, 1912.

Upon reconvening that day we immediately took the Secretary's books and upon examination found that the books of the lodge showed that Friendship Lodge of Louisville, No. 1, had received credit upon the books kept by the Secretary for \$406.75 paid in, while the circular showed only \$349.25, a difference of \$57.50, to which the lodge was rightfully entitled to credit.

We then took up Trim Lodge No. 2 of Simpsonville, and found that the books showed that they had paid in \$348.25, while the circulars issued by the Secretary only showed them credit for \$338.00, a difference against that lodge of \$10.25. Thereupon the Board realizing that it had a big task on hand, adjourned to meet for the three days' session beginning October 18, 1912.

The Board met at the residence of the Grand Secretary on October 18, 1912, and proceeded to go through the records lodge by lodge, and this was the result of our investigation.

The lodge books showed that the various lodges of the state had paid in \$23,392.75, while the circulars issued by the Grand Secretary only gave them credit for \$21,913.80, a difference against the lodges of \$1,478.95.

In the matter of our Temples, our subordinate Committee, (Messrs. Davis and LaPrelle), found that the books showed that the temples of the state had paid in reality \$20,613.00, while the circulars only gave them credit for \$19,229.05, difference against our temples of \$1,383.95. Thus it was shown that the lodges and temples had actually paid into the treasury \$44,005.75, while the circulars of the Secretary only allowed them credit for \$41,142.85, making a shortage of \$2,862.90.

As for the Juveniles, we did not have time to go over the books, but taking the circular statement, it shows \$1,016.00 paid in by them, so that upon a grand summary of our investigation, we found that there was an actual shortage of the lodges of \$1,478.95, on the temples, \$1,383.95, of the difference in additions as shown by the circulars of the Secretary and the adding machine of \$1,397.70, and making in all a grand total of differences in actual figures of \$4,260.60, and in this is not computed the Juvenile Department, which we were unable to correctly arrive at.

This meeting was then adjourned to the regular quarterly meeting in January, and at that meeting our findings were submitted to Grand Secretary Bell, and upon his request, he was granted until the next regular meeting to prepare a counter state-

ment, and in order to aid him, E. W. Glass furnished him all the data used by the Grand Board of Managers. At the April meeting the Secretary was given an opportunity to file any statement he might desire. He then verbally reported that he had only collected \$42,213.26. that we were wrong in our calculations, and upon the whole, seemed to treat the matter in the lightest sort of vein. Replying to Secretary Bell, I, in a spirit of justice to the Board, as well as to the lodge, stated that we had spent a great deal of time and a good deal of lodge money to secure the figures in our possession and that a mere "ipsi dixit" from him that we were wrong did not suffice; that he would have to present data to prove his assertion.

Thereupon Brother LaPrelle leaped from his chair, rushed into the hall and said in a loud voice: "Brother Glass is trying to make Steve out a rogue," and then Mrs. Bell and her children rushed upon the scene. The statement was reiterated by LaPrelle, despite the efforts of Chairman Davis to call him to order and secure a calm of the troubled waters. Believing that LaPrelle's purpose was to bring on trouble and prevent any action on our part, even at the cost of my personal safety, I turned upon him and most emphatically told him that if he called my name again in these surroundings he would do so at his peril. When order was restored LaPrelle suggested that the matter be sent to the Grand Council. I urged and insisted upon the employment of an accountant, while Grand Master Tardiff, who had sat in silence through it all, proposed a special committee. The suggestion of Grand Master Tardiff prevailed, it being that the special committee consist of one member designated by the Grand Board of Managers, one to be selected by the Grand Master from the Grand Council, and one to be named by Secretary Bell, for the purpose of investigating the office of the Grand Secretary. Thereupon I was named as the Board's member, and immediately upon my appointment I called Grand Master Tardiff into the kitchen of Mrs. Bell and there, reminding him of the tumultous scene which had just been enacted, I appealed to him in justice to our Order and for the sake of the safety of the man, who at least thought he was championing the cause of right, not to call the Special Committee when designated, to meet at the house of Secretary Bell

After returning home, I wrote the Grand Master as follows:

**CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN GRAND MASTER W. D.
TARDIFF AND MR. E. W. GLASS.**

MR. GLASS TO MR. TARDIFF.

Hopkinsville, Ky., May 3, 1913.

Hon. W. D. Tardiff, Grand Master, Stanford, Ky.

Dear Sir and Brother: It has been agreed that the tangle in the affairs of the Grand Secretary be reviewed and straightened out by a committee of three members, to be selected in the following manner: One to be selected by your honor from the Grand Council; one to be selected by Stephen Bell, and one to be selected from the Grand Board of Managers.

Certainly no question could be submitted to arbitration on a fairer basis, and such a committee should, and I believe will, review the accounts of the Grand Secretary without prejudice or partisanship, with an eye single only to the welfare of the order, and with no other purpose than to arrive at the real truth of the matter, and ascertain the respective rights of the order, as well as those of the Grand Secretary.

Now, in framing the Committee, conflicting interests have fair representation, and the personal element heretofore prominent, will, I believe, under the new arrangement, be omitted, as it should be. Unless the proceedings of the new Board are had without interruption and interference on the part of partisan friends, then its proceedings will be a farce, and there is no excuse for such a condition, as the Grand Secretary is allowed a personal representative on the Board that reviews his acts. I have been selected by the Board of Managers as its representative, and, therefore request that you call the committee to meet at some other place than the residence of the Grand Secretary.

The very nature of the proceedings to be had makes a meeting at his residence in extremely bad taste, and could only be defended by the most blinded partisans in this matter, whose only purpose would be as far as possible to obstruct an impartial hearing, a condition not tolerable in an organization, the tenets of which stand only for simple, untrameled justice.

I mean no reflection on anyone by the request I make, but state frankly that the person whose accounts are in question has no right to play the host to the committee that reviews them. The very thought of such a thing is repulsive to fair-minded men. The nature of the work of the Board would, for the sake of decency, prohibit a meeting at the home of the Secretary, but I will go further and say that the efforts of the Board of Managers to adjust the affairs of the Secretary at meetings

under his roof has, as you and all other members of the Board know, been extremely embarrassing to at least a part of the Board, notwithstanding that the only offense committed by that portion of the Board was an honest effort on his part to ascertain the true status of the affairs of the order. And I would say further that no member of the board would have been more gratified had the condition of the accounts permitted complete exoneration than the ones who were subjected to open reflection and scorn by persons whose attitude should have been at least courteous. But proper courtesy was not shown and would not be shown to anyone who demurs to any official act of the Grand Secretary, and I believe it your duty to call a meeting of the newly constituted Board at such a place that a fair and impartial review of the matters in hand can be had without the least embarrassment to any member thereof. I so request, and shall maintain that position throughout this controversy, and believe your good judgment and the interest in the welfare of the order will influence you to do the proper thing and let the committee act under its own vine and fig-tree, freed from any sort of obligation from courtesies shown; also from any prejudice aroused by the lack of it.

Yours in J. M. T.,

E. W. GLASS.

This is the next I received:

MR. TARDIFF TO MR. GLASS:

Camp Nelson, Ky., May 1, 1913.

E. W. Glass, Esq., Hopkinsville, Ky.:

Dear Sir and Brother—I have had a hearing from Prof. Halliburton, and he accepts the very responsible position on the Committee to go over the findings as made by your Board and the Grand Secretary. The time fixed is May 17th and 18th. Referring to the place of meeting, I am of the opinion that the work can be done at the office of the Grand Secretary more expeditiously and with less sensation than elsewhere. Again, I feel quite sure that you need not fear any violence or bodily harm. Such a course of action on the part of Prof. Bell or any of his household would operate against him in this controversy. I am not trying to shield anyone. I am simply trying to have the work done as privately as possible to hold the Order. 'Till your Board is ready to make the final report, the matter of the investigation need not have been brought to the ears of the rank and file at all. This thing has needlessly done us much harm. It is true that my tenure of office is almost out, but I want to see my successor's administration start off unhampered. When there is cause for investigation, I say by all means INVESTI-

GATE, but do it among ourselves; and if there is a shortage, it will more than apt to be covered by bond. Then, at the proper time, let the G. L. act, and your Board, as its fiscal head, recover whatever is rightly due the G. L. As an Order, we are standing still, while others are growing. Nothing impedes work among our people like a lack of confidence. I hope the committee will be able to adjust in some way the discrepancies in the findings, and that its report to me will be satisfactory to the Board and the Grand Secretary also.

Frternally yours, etc.,

W. D. TARDIFF, G. M.

Continuing what I thought to be right in my plain duty to the people I represent, I wrote him on May 5, 1912, as follows:

MR. GLASS TO MR. TARDIFF:

Hopkinsville, Ky., May 5, 1913.

Hon. W. D. Tardiff, Grand Master, Standford, Ky.:

Dear Sir: Your letter just received this morning, and too late to stop a request that I had just mailed you, and since reading your letter, am not inclined to alter that request, but take this opportunity to emphasize, if possible, the demand. Do you undertake to say that the meeting of this committee at any place would create a sensation? Don't you know that this committee could arrange a private place in a great city like that and have its deliberations absolutely secret? Your assurance that I would receive no violence, condemns the plan you suggest. Could I feel free to act under the roof of a man that needs vouching for to allay my fears, and would you suggest that I be placed in such an embarrassing position? There can be nothing in your theory, and while I am modest by nature, am constrained to state that I will guarantee that I can arrange a place for this committee to meet, hold their investigations behind closed doors, arrive at the real truth, and the Order will be as ignorant of the proceedings as the citizens of Hong Kong. YOU KNOW THAT CAN BE DONE. Then, the only reason would be to permit the same farcial proceedings, which have characterized the investigation from the beginning to still be followed. No wonder the Order is at a standstill, and under such "dilly-dallying" will soon be dead. Such rulings inspires a lack of confidence and is all bosh. The question is up, not hatched up; if so, it would be your duty to firmly quelch trumped up charges, and I suggest that you either permit an uninterrupted investigation, giving all the time the committee needs, or call the thing off and indorse publicly the acts of your Secretary. Temporizing in a matter like this is dangerous, and while I feel that you are influenced by

a great desire to preserve the Order, and do not mean to do the least thing wrong, yet I beg leave to differ with you in this question. I will pledge that I shall not cause discussion of the matter in hand, and if you request, have the meetings secret, but I demand that the committee be the proprietor of its quarters during the investigation and can have executive or secret session as it wills. It is only simple justice and common honesty, and no man can gainsay it. It takes moral courage to do a duty as you see it, and I am proud that I yet hold self respect sufficiently to assert myself for the right as I see it.

Yours in J. M. and T., E. W. GLASS.

Then asserting what he deemed as his authority as Grand Master, he wrote me this:

MR. TARDIFF TO MR. GLASS:

Camp Nelson, Ky., May 7, 1913.

Mr. E. W. Glass, Hopkinsville, Ky.:

Dear Sir and Broher: Your letter of recent date, as well as your "demand" of the 5th inst., have been forwarded here from Standford. By way of reply, I beg to state that **I have called the Committee to meet at the office of the Grand Secretary.** If there be any alterations as to the place of meeting, it will be by act of the committee, and not by me. You charge me with dilatory tactics. The charge is in no wise more true than in my leniency with a certain element of your Board. I have given way to every contention and claim emanating from that source, simply for peace's sake, and now, to cap the the climax, I must relinquish my right as Grand Master to even call or designate a place of meeting for MY Committee. When your Board made its findings it was your duty to have reported the same to me, and it was with me solely as to further investigation. Prompted by a spirit of fair play, I even acceded to the demand of your Board that in case Halliburton or Humphrey did sot serve, that I submit the name of the party to your Board, before making the appointment. My assurance that you would receive no bodily harm in the home of Brother Bell was made because **you said to me in his kitchen that you did not feel safe there,** and it does not in any way "condemn the plan I suggest."

There are about three months intervening the meeting of the Grand Lodge, and while I mean to be courteous to all departments of the Order, **I am going to be Grand Master.**

Had you stopped with a "request" for a change of place of meeting, I might have been disposed to give your side of the

contention further consideration, but in the face of your "demand" I flatly refuse to entertain the subject longer.

I am fraternally yours, etc.,
W. D. TARDIFF, G. M.

And then on May 10th, I wrote him the following as my ultimatum:

MR. GLASS TO MR. TARDIFF.

Hopkinsville, Kl., May 10, 1913.

Hon. W. D. Tardiff, Grand Master, Camp Nelson, Ky.:

Dear Sir: Your letter received and contents noted. Your proposition is clear. You cannot refute the reasonableness of my position, while I admit your authority to act as Grand Master. There is no middle ground to any proposition of which you have jurisdiction. You may have backbone and believe you are right, but for the life of me, I can see no grounds for refusing a meeting of the committee at a place acceptable to all of the members thereof. You evidently regard our effort as an affront to the dignity of your patron saint, which you propose to resent, and that in fact is a result to say the least of it. I respect you for your ultimatum, and feel we were entitled to it, but have some doubts whether the rank and file of the Order would under a fair presentation of the facts and issues involved, sustain you in that position. At any rate, it is up to them. The only grievance that I feel is that you insist on the meeting of the committee at a place where cool deliberation is, in my judgment, impossible, and where the personal equation could not help but intrude itself.

I have, to your personal knowledge, been insulted at least three times in the residence of the Grand Secretary. First, on an occasion when I asked for an executive session of the Board; 2nd, at the meeting last September, when we began the investigation you will recall that the language used by the Grand Secretary toward me was very offensive and that I called the attention of the Board and prepared to leave the meeting, when Brother Davis, Chairman of the Board, came to my rescue, and informed Bell that if it became necessary for Brother Glass to leave that he would call the meeting off and adjourn; 3rd, you certainly have not forgotten the disgraceful scenes that were pulled off at the meeting of April 13, and I am sorry to say, I do not recall that you raised your voice in condemnation of the indignities heaped upon me.

You intimate that you have been lenient and shown deference to me. In that you are heartily mistaken, for I have never

made but one request of you, and that was to call the meetings at some other place than the residence of the Grand Secretary.

As to what was the duty of the Board after making its findings, will say that the Board was neither prosecuting nor persecuting the Grand Secretary, but was making an honest effort to learn the true condition of the affairs of the Order. After informing the Grand Secretary of our findings, he asked to be given until next meeting, April 13, to prepare his report, which we gladly consented to. When the Board met on April 13 the Grand Secretary simply denied the correctness of the findings of the Board. He also failed to present any data to prove the correctness of his contention. Whereupon, you suggested the appointment of the new committee, which was done, and now, you come forward, like a whipped and crying child, complaining that your Royal Highness has been ignored and, therefore, the committee must meet at the residence of the Grand Secretary, or not at all, so far as you are concerned.

Evidently from your reference, our position, in your mind, is malicious, but facts are facts, and figures are not supposed to lie, and, judging from our last meeting, the committee would have about as much chance to arrive at the true condition of the books of the Grand Secretary as a tallow dog chasing an asbestos cat through the heated hence.

Yours in J. M. and T.,

E. W. GLASS

In order to feel doubly assured of my position, I laid the situation before a number of men of high standing and great intelligence, and the following is my letter to Brother Davis, Chairman of the Board of Managers:

May 12, 1913.

Prof. E. B. Davis, Chairman G. B. of M., Georgetown, Ky.:

Dear Brother Davis: Please find enclosures herewith covering the correspondence between the Grand Master and myself in reference to the place of meeting of the Special Committee, appointed to review the findings of the Board in the investigation of the fiscal affairs of the Order:

I am asking you to observe from the beginning that I have held out, temperately and courteously, but none the less firmly, that this special Committee of Review should meet elsewhere than at the home of the Grand Secretary. I am persuaded that you will agree with me that at first blush this contention presents every element of reasonableness. but in the final analysis it appears to me absolutely tenable, and not only tenable, but essentially necessary, if the committee is to be able to arrive at

any conclusions whatsoever.

The succession of "pink tea" affairs, wherein we have repeatedly placed the Board under obligations to the man it was investigating, has had the effect to gum up the cards and delay the game that we have set out to do—and leads some of us who are sensible to the grave responsibility that our positions entail, to wonder if these dilatory tactics and flagrant favoritisms that are manifesting themselves is not a studied endeavor on the part of those most personally interested to "spar for wind," in view of forestalling the final issue.

While I am not prone to undue suspicions, it does seem rather remarkable that our esteemed Grand Master should go off half-cocked and fly into a high state of arrogant rage when he had only my simple and reasonable request to superinduce him to do so. To one who does not plead guilty of being an arrant fool, his attitude appears as the actions of one whose anxiety is to befuddle the fog that already surrounds us.

Assuredly and candidly, the home of the Grand Secretary cannot be the proper place to investigate his office. Suppose Mr. Stanley's Committee of Congress in investigating the affairs of the steel trust should have gone to the home of Judge Gary, the President of the United States Steel Corporation to conduct their deliberations, do you think the country would stand for it. Does the Grand Jury go around to the residences of those it is about to investigate and submit to be wined and dined while it goes about its grave and important duties?

It must recur to you upon reflection that this special committee should be positively and unqualifiedly free from any entangling alliances, without obligations to anyone, to the end that it may arrive at the truth of the matter.

Another phase of the Grand Master's fiat is that he has confined the review to two days. You will please recall that the investigation of the Board of Managers occupied six days, and then we did not near conclude the work, leaving two departments unreached. Doesn't it seem to you that if the Board of Managers could not complete their work in six days that the Special Committee will experience some difficulty in finishing it in two.

However, you have the correspondence in hand, and I shall ask you to read it and arrive at your own conclusions. That the Grand Master should invoke the power of his high office to make this arbitrary ruling, when every thoughtful man will agree that it is now absolutely necessary that the Committee meet some place where it can be free and independent; that he should do this without rhyme or reason, displays a rare bit of

partisanship, albeit so clumsy that the merest novice can see through it.

Do me the kindness to send me a line in reference to this matter, and kindly acknowledge the receipt of this correspondence.

Very truly yours, E. W. GLASS.

I did not feel warranted in attending a meeting at the home of a man who by his own acts, as well as those of his family, shown that my presence was not desirable, so refused to meet the Committee at the appointed time and place and am informed that on account of my absence, the rest of the Committee met and adjourned.

No member of the Grand Board of Managers knows, or could know, by the reports at hand, the status of our Order, and that the matter is unsettled, it become necessary to report the matter, together with all data relating thereto, to this Grand Lodge, with full confidence that the lodge will take all proper steps to correct any irregularities found, and put the Order on a sound basis, for no Order can succeed if comprehensive accounting is not observed in its financial affairs.

Let me say in conclusion, that I realize fully the gravity of the situation in our Order, and I know too that it has been whispered around that my activity in this matter has been largely due to my personal ambition to secure a prominent position in the Order, which I have loved and served since the year of our Lord 1877, holding at various times the positions of membership on the Grand Board of Managers, Grand Treasurer and twice elected Grand Master, and in all of which I have been honored more than my deserts. I tell you frankly that I have been actuated by no motive other than that which I pledged the lodge when I became a member, and in it all I have only sought that Truth should prevail, and Wrong be dismantled. If by my efforts I can have the satisfaction of knowing that I have saved to the men, women and children of our beloved faith more than \$4,000.00 of their gladly contributed, but hard-earned money, this of itself, and by itself, will be glory sufficient for me.

I have set down naught in malice against any one, only doing, or striving to do, what I thought was due to the entire membership; and while I feel sorry that necessity compels me to lay bare the facts, I still content myself with the hope that Justice will be done though the Heavens fall.

In view of all the facts and figures disclosed in this report, the minority member of the Grand Board of Managers and Investigating Committee recommends:

That the Board of Managers be authorized to employ an expert accountant of good reputation and character to audit the books, reports and circulars of the Grand Secretary from September, 1910, to August, 1913, and if any shortage be found, proceed at once to collect same, and then make a detailed report of their findings in the Quarterly Circular.

Should this not be concurred in, I know of nothing to be done, except for every member to become a law unto himself, or herself, and seek that redress which is alone afforded by the courts of our country.

Respectfully Submitted,

E. W. GLASS,

Member Of the Grand Board of Managers.

