

reports Lancaster Lodge room to be anything but suitable, and Bro. Wm. Barker reports general visitation of the Toronto lodges,—week after week through the year, and a general improvement in the carrying on of the ritualistic work, and largely increased additions to the Beneficiary in most of the lodges. Not one word from the District Deputies of Montreal, Ottawa, or St. Thomas; in fact in the City of Montreal more work of organizing was done by private members than the District Deputy. Bro. J. Lee, of St. Thomas, though travelling considerably, sends no report whatever, and yet in that very district there is Stratford, Windsor, Chatham, Paris, and other good localities for Lodges. I respectfully suggest that the law is explicit and plain, and that District Deputies who are so disposed, having the instructions from the Grand President, stamped with the Lodge seal, in their possession, have all the power necessary to work.

In the month of May the following resolution was forwarded to the Executive from Oxford Lodge, Belleville: "That this Lodge strongly deprecates the attempt now being made in Great Britain to grant Home Rule to Ireland, which we believe to be a measure which very seriously threatens the integrity of our Empire." This was accompanied with another resolution, requesting the Executive to forward a copy of the foregoing resolution to all the subordinate lodges for their discursion. After considerable thought the Executive concluded it would be impolitic to send such a resolution, which would perhaps not answer the purpose of the lodge which passed it.

As the next number of the Englishman's Journal will complete the first Vol., I ask this Grand Lodge in all seriousness to consider whether it should continue to be recognized as the official organ of the Society, and if so, to what extent the Executive and Grand Lodge should supervise all matters relating to the Order published therein, without in any way depreciating the motives of Bro. Prior, the manager of the Journal, who has, no doubt, done all that he considered was for the best, no one can deny that reports and communications have appeared that caused considerable feeling, and gave rise to warm discussions, and caused considerable anxiety to the Executive Council. In the very first number, page 5, there is a report of a correspondent's visit to Warwick Lodge in which very discouraging remarks are made, and which caused feelings of disappointment to the officers and members of the Lodge. I immediately wrote Bro. Prior, calling his attention to the report and advised him not to put such unqualified reports in the Journal. For copy of this correspondence see Letter Book, fol. 315. Other causes of complaint and dissatisfaction will arise, which in themselves perhaps may not amount to much or without having any intentional wrong result, but its bearing, upon the whole, may considerably interfere with the dignity and safety of constitutional authority. In the 6th No. of the Journal, page 88, our Brother, without due consideration, has taken upon himself the position of Judge and settled points of law. In answer to a correspondent, which I have every reason to believe was from Peterborough, he answered "no" to a question which I believe the M. W. G. P. had already answered "yes," and in the same No. answers "certainly not" to another