

(as to his health or otherwise) a majority of the Lodge can, previously to his initiation, order a new ballot; but if the fraud be not discovered until after his initiation, the party must be regarded as a member, and can only be expelled upon a regular trial." In accordance with the foregoing, I decided that the Lodge committed an error in returning the fee and coming to an understanding of the kind.— If the Brother has not ceased to become a member from non-payment of dues, he can make himself good by paying all arrearage, or by compromise; yet the charge would still be pending.

11.—I have to acknowledge receipt of a copy of proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Kansas, U. S. In looking over it I find the following reference, "No action has yet been had in regard to procuring charters from the Grand Lodge of Canada West, for the same reason as assigned in a former report, viz: the high rate of exchange. The Subordinate Lodges are exceedingly anxious to have their charters, and would respectfully ask some definite legislation on the subject.

12.—According to resolutions passed at the last session of Grand Lodge, appointing the Grand Master and Grand Secretary as a special committee, to draft an address to be presented to Bro. John Peel. The committee have carried out their instructions. The address and Jewel was presented by Grand Rep. Jas. Smith, assisted by the R. W. G. Secretary at a meeting of Eureka and Forest City Lodges, and in the presence of P. G. Sire J. B. Nicholson. Bro. Peel made a most affectionate reply, and all present were delighted with the social reunion. A copy of the address is herewith submitted.

13.—P. G. Sire Nicholson's visit to Canada, were times of refreshing to all who had the privilege of hearing his lectures, receiving his instructions, and enjoying his social company. His institution of Harmony Encampment, No. 3, London, and Frontier Encampment, No. 2, Windsor, gave them a prestage otherwise unattainable."

14.—REPRESENTATIVES.—In resigning again to your keeping the highest office in your gift, permit me to thank you for the uniform courtesy and assistance so freely extended to me in everything pertaining to my office. I am deeply sensible of my short comings, and regret exceedingly the many calls of my own private business would not allow to devote that attention I intended to bestow upon the duties pertaining to the Grand Master's chair.

In conclusion, I have to congratulate you on the steady advancement and progress of Odd-Fellowship, both in Canada and the United States. And I retire from the chair with feelings of pleasure and pride afforded me by the prospect of still greater triumphs awaiting the Order in the future. May Providence have you all in his safe keeping, and let us earnestly invoke a continuance of those blessings which have been so abundantly showered upon us as individuals and as a Society. God bless you all.

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN DAVIDSON TAIT, Grand Master.