

not be issued under any circumstance during a period when the lodge is itself not in possession of the word. A peculiar feature in connection with this matter is the fact that to obtain an order an absent member must pay his dues to the commencement of the term for which the order is desired and the official receipt must be presented with the order before the word can be communicated.

Suspension for N. P. D.—Before a member can be thus suspended he must be full twelve months in arrears and of which notice must be sent to him. Thirty days must then expire before action is taken. The statute on this point is very clear.

Pages and Esquires.—Under the statutes dues are chargeable from date of initiation and Pages and Esquires since January 1st, 1895, cannot be dropped or non advancement but are liable to suspension for non-payment of dues.

In connection with this matter I desire also to draw your attention to the fact that the new laws require lodges to provide themselves with certain supplies, full particulars of which were embodied in a circular sent out in December last. At this date there are several lodges which have not yet complied and it would be interesting to know how or in what manner the officers were installed last year.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Renewal of Registry.—As required by law I made application to the Registrar of Friendly Societies for renewal of Registration and I am in possession of the renewal certificate.

Incorporation of Lodges.—During the past year I had three lodges incorporated, viz., Meniss, No. 19, Chapleau; Calanthe, No. 36, Brantford, and Columbian, No. 37, London. Several others have sent me the necessary papers but no copies of their by-laws and as it is necessary to file two copies I have been unable to do anything. It seems strange to me that, notwithstanding circulars having been sent giving full instructions, lodges will only partly comply with the law and expect their wishes to be fulfilled. Certificates of incorporation have, up to date, been issued to the following lodges: Nos. 1, 3, 5, 6, 11, 12, 13, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 31, 33, 35, 36, 37 and 38 making eighteen in all. The cost to lodges to be incorporated is nothing, which may, in part, account for the non-application of some.

Rathbone Monument.—Last month I furnished lodges with copies of a circular issued by the committee having the matter in charge. The object is a most worthy one and deserves all the support that lodges may be able to afford. It is endorsed by the Supreme Lodge and I hope Ontario lodges will do what they can to help to raise a suitable memorial in grateful remembrance of the founder of an order of which it is an honor to be a member.