

tained through their Lodge Secretary. As our order increases, the greater will be the need of a proper system of registration.

I am pleased to report that most of our Lodges attend church service, and I would respectfully suggest, that this Grand Body, authorize and set apart a special day in the year for church services, so that all Lodges in their respective localities could arrange for the same. The old standard time is the Sunday nearest the Queen's Birthday and cannot be improved.

I would also respectfully suggest that this Grand Body authorize and declare the 12th of December the public anniversary of our order, so that throughout this institution all our Brethren on the same day may unite in their several districts in commemorating the day we ought so much to honor.

The continued growth and extension of our order, demands a more rigid and strict conformity to the laws and regulations of the society, the absolute necessity of placing the best and most capable and reliable members in positions of trust and responsibility, our visitations during the year, which upon the whole are satisfactory and encouraging, have nevertheless revealed several gross dereliction of duties, Lodge accounts being allowed to go several quarters without proper audits, Lodge funds being allowed in the hands of officers without being properly secured, Lodge funds amounting to hundred of dollars being left in the hands of Officers without being properly invested, I have only one object in calling the attention of this Grand Body to these facts, the safety and welfare of our institution, the necessity for these remarks has arisen from the fact that one Lodge has allowed its Treasurer to hold between two and three hundred dollars for over four years, and is now experiencing the greatest difficulty in getting that money to invest in their proper Trustees' names. I trust this Grand Body will see the necessity of strengthening the hands of your Grand Lodge Officers, and as a large majority composing this Grand Body are constant officers in Subordinate Lodges, that they will use their utmost endeavors to protect the interest of their members.

I am pleased to report that only two out of all our number suspended and expelled during the year, call for special reference to this Grand Body, one member of Bedford Lodge, for contempt and abuse, and the late Secretary of York Lodge for committing the most malicious and dastardly piece of malpractice I ever witnessed, in the mutilation and destruction of Lodge prosperity. I am pleased also to report, that only two petitions or appeals are held over for the consideration of this Grand Body, one in connection with Somerset Lodge, and the other in connection with Essex Lodge (re Beneficiary application.)

On the 24th of July I received an earnest appeal from Old England Lodge, Port Perry for help in their unfortunate position caused through the destruction by fire of the business part of the Town, which swept away their Lodge room and furniture; on ascertaining the extent of their loss, I wrote immediately to the Subordinate Lodges, and recommended a subscription in proportion to the numbers on the Lodge roll. I am very pleased to report that a hearty response was immediately made, and our suggestion was generally accepted as the basis of payment. The