

Lodges of this district, which sometimes creates confusion and is detrimental to the proper instruction of the brethren.

I regret very much that I am compelled to recommend the withdrawal of the warrant of Clarke Lodge, Ormstown, No. 28, which has made no returns to Grand Lodge since 1873, and then only one initiation was returned with nineteen members on the roll; it has had since then only three meetings, at two of which I have had to preside; the last time I visited this Lodge was in August last, having previously notified the W. Master that I would visit officially, but it was a failure, as only the W. Master and one member made their appearance; the books of the Lodge, however, are in good order, and I believe there is sufficient money in the hands of the Treasurer to pay Grand Lodge dues and other expenses.

Hoyle Lodge, Lacolle, No. 9, has also been in a dormant state for some time. I have visited this Lodge twice this year; the first time I was accompanied and ably assisted by the R.W. Grand Secretary; the second time by the Grand Senior Deacon, V. W. Bro. Wm. Young, who ably assisted me to install the newly elected Officers; the newly installed W. Master (W. Bro. Daniel Salt,) is one of the oldest and best instructed members of the Lodge; I therefore believe that under his guidance the Lodge will again prosper.

I am also sorry to report that Zetland Lodge, late C.R., has been placed in a very distressing and precarious position by the mismanagement, misconduct, and desertion of the W. Master, W. Bro. J. G. A. Leblanc; this Bro., after having defrauded certain brethren, absconded from this city, leaving the affairs of the Lodge in a state of great confusion. About the same time a complaint was made to me by Bro. George Mason, of St. Mark's Lodge, Glasgow, Scotland, then residing in this city, against Bro. J. G. A. Leblanc, he having as Bro. Mason alleged defrauded him and his employers of goods to the value of four hundred pounds twelve shillings stg.; on investigation, I found the complaint was substantiated by the evidence of Bro. J. V. Morgan, of St. Paul's Lodge, of this city, and of W. Bro. John Street, Past Master of St. George's Lodge, late C. R. I therefore considered it my duty to suspend Bro. J. G. A. Leblanc from all Masonic rights and privileges, until such time as Grand Lodge should take action in the case. This Lodge, though labouring under difficulties, its books and papers missing, and its members disheartened, continued to meet and work under the management of the immediate Past Master and wardens, who deserve great credit for their energy and perseverance. The books and papers of the Lodge I am informed are in the hands of the Secretary, Bro. James Anderson, who will neither attend the Lodge nor give them up. I have therefore to request that action be taken by Grand Lodge against Bro. James Anderson, with the view of obtaining the books and papers of Zetland Lodge.

In the case of Mrs. Leitchfield, whose application for relief was laid before the Board of General Purposes at the meeting of the Board in March last, and referred to me for consideration, with the recommendation that assistance should be obtained for her if possible from the Lodges in this City. I have to report that I directed a circular to be issued to all the Lodges in this city, requesting them to donate a small portion of their funds towards her relief, but few answered to the call, and twenty dollars is all that she has yet received; the lady is in great want of assistance, and something should be immediately done in her behalf, but considering the circumstances, I would beg leave to state that this is not a case for the Montreal Lodges alone; the late husband of Mrs. Leitchfield was not a mem-