

OFFICIAL CIRCULAR.

I embodied the suggestions made by our Supreme Chancellor, on his visit to us at last session, in a circular to all subordinate lodges, but with what result I have not yet learned as I have only had responses from one or two. I am fully impressed with the idea that if these suggestions were acted on the result would be a healthy and satisfactory growth of good quality in every lodge adopting them.

MENISS LODGE.

I regret exceedingly to have to report the destruction by fire of the supplies and paraphrenalia of Meniss Lodge, No. 19, of Chapleau, on the night of 22nd Jan'y. This was a serious blow to the members as they had only the previous evening got a new organ and had intended the following morning placing fire insurance on contents of lodge room. Under the circumstances the committee on supplies felt justified in forwarding the brethren of Meniss Lodge new supplies at cost price, which I trust Grand Lodge will ratify.

DECISIONS.

A great many questions have been asked during my term requesting my opinion or ruling and in most cases they were very trivial, and of no particular importance. A great deal of work could be saved the Grand Chancellor if the brethren generally would attempt to interpret a little for themselves more than they do. I append hereto a few of the most important rulings given by me:—

1. By D. D. G. C., H. E. Young, of No. 5 District.—Would Windsor Lodge be justified in giving the S.A.P.W. on an order from Friendship Lodge, the latter lodge not being then in possession of the S.A.P.W.?

I replied that if a brother of Friendship Lodge presented a duly accredited order to Windsor Lodge the C.C. cannot refuse to give him the S.A.P.W. but he could not use it in his own lodge. I also stated to him that if this is done for any wrong purpose or that the members generally of another lodge are attempting to secure the S.A.P.W. in this way it would be his duty to advise the G.C. so that he might take some action.

I considered this an anomaly and that in this way the order on the back of receipt for dues could be abused, and wrote to the Supreme Chancellor regarding the matter. He advised me that he intends to bring it up before the Supreme Lodge at its next session and have the necessary legislation passed to prevent such abuse for all time to come.

2. By Friendship Lodge, No. 16, Windsor.—Would a brother who was suspended from that lodge, in the event of his being reinstated, be liable for dues during the term of his suspension?

I replied that he would not be liable.