

Grand Lodge funds to his own use, leaving the treasury absolutely depleted, so that there was not sufficient to pay ordinary current expenses. This conduct on the part of the Treasurer involved the necessity of a special assessment of ten cents for each member of subordinate lodges, and the Grand Lodge, by a unanimous vote, expelled the Grand Treasurer from the privileges of Freemasonry.

There are in the jurisdiction 106 warranted lodges, and 4 U.D. During the year there were 943 initiations, and 406 applicants were rejected, a fact which speaks well for the care with which the ballot box is guarded.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of Bro. Jos. K. Wheeler, Grand Secretary. Referring to the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Canada, Bro. Wheeler condemns the practice of permitting masons to appear clothed in regalia, except upon strictly masonic occasions. He says: "We should as soon think of wearing masonic clothing as a part of our every-day costume as we should to wear it at pic-nics, strawberry festivals and moonlight excursions."

M. W. Bro. Amos E. Cobb was elected Grand Master; and R. W. Bro. J. K. Wheeler re-elected Grand Secretary.

GRAND LODGE OF NEW YORK.

The last annual communication of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, was opened on the 1st June last, in the City of New York, 610 lodges being present by their representatives.

M. W. Bro. James Gibson delivered a very able address. He referred appropriately to the brethren who, during the year, had died, some of whom had occupied distinguished positions in the Craft. During the year twenty-two petitions for dispensations to open new lodges were presented to the Grand Master, only seven of which were granted, the other fifteen being denied. Reference is made to complaints by other Grand Bodies of invasions of their territory; and the address enters into a defence of the conduct of the Grand Lodge of New York. On the subject of physical disabilities in candidates, we are glad to perceive that the Grand Master takes very strong ground. He had had several applications for dispensations on the subject, and to all of them he had returned the answer that "neither the Grand Master nor even the Grand Lodge can dispense with its requirement. It is a landmark and cannot be removed." * * * "There are some things beyond our power to confer; and if the candidate has become maimed, whether in the civil or military service of his country, or how otherwise, masonry is one of the gifts that cannot then be conferred upon him; and this not on account of his unworthiness, but of our inability. We can no more confer these degrees on him lawfully than we can restore naturally the limb