

County Master, giving him a list of the numbers of Lodges in his jurisdiction on the Warrant Register, so that, if possible, they might ascertain whether they were working or dormant. I also got out special returns and forwarded them with the regular annual returns to try and find out what Lodges were really working in this jurisdiction; but I am sorry to have to state, through the neglect of Lodges making prompt returns, and in many cases none at all, this to a great measure has been a failure. Still, should you see fit to re-elect me to the office another year, I hope to be able to make a more intelligent return to the Grand Lodge of British America.

The correspondence and other papers will be submitted to the various Committees.

The annual returns are coming in slowly, there being twelve short to this date, although no doubt some will be handed me at Grand Lodge. This should not be the case, as many Counties and Lodges may be disfranchised; for according to Rule 90, Constitution, I met the Grand Treasurer on Feb. 5th and made out a list with the indebtedness of each Lodge, which list is the only one to be submitted to the Committee on Credentials. Any Lodge since that time sending in money will have to produce receipts therefor.

The Committee on Dormant Warrants met in Toronto on June 24th last, and drew up a list of Lodges which, being in arrears for dues, they directed me to request the Grand Lodge of British America to give permission to the R. W. Grand Master of this Grand Lodge to declare dormant, if they did not settle up the dues by October, '82; at the same time I was to inform the County Masters of this action with regard to Lodges in their jurisdictions. Owing to circumstances, this could not be fully carried out, and the R. W. Grand Master therefore delayed declaring any Lodges dormant until the meeting of this Grand Lodge. I would, therefore, recommend that a Warrant Committee be appointed at this session to take into consideration the standing of Lodges in the jurisdiction.

I placed myself in communication with the District Master of the Island of Manitoulin during the year, which has heretofore been attached to the County of North Grey, and finding there were five Lodges on the Island making very irregular returns, I directed him to make the returns direct to my office, and I am pleased to state with a favorable result, as the returns have been made in full and all arrears of Grand Lodge dues paid up. I would recommend that this Grand Lodge