

Catharines, and instituted a Lodge in that City, to be known as Charity Lodge No. 20. The Lodge started with a membership of sixteen. I would recommend that a Charter be granted to them. I appointed Bro. P. C. Wm. Dougan as Deputy Grand Chancellor.

SUBORDINATE LODGE BY-LAWS.

Several of the Lodges have made considerable changes in their By-laws during the year, which I have approved, and accompanying this Report I submit copies of the various amendments made. I also approved of a code of By-laws for Charity Lodge No. 20, a copy of which is herewith submitted for your consideration.

DISPENSATIONS.

During the year I granted dispensations to Charity Lodge No. 20, to confer the ranks on a maimed person, and also to confer the ranks on an applicant over fifty years of age.

DECISIONS.

The only ruling required of me of any consequence was asked by D. D. G. C. Peace, of Hamilton. He submitted the following: "A person having applied for membership and paid his proposition fee, was ballotted for and accepted. At the next meeting a motion was made to reconsider the ballot, because, in the meantime, he had been found to be unworthy of membership. Can we reconsider the ballot?" I ruled that the Lodge could not reconsider the ballot, but that a majority vote of the members present could reject him.

FINANCIAL.

I have received the following amounts during the term, which I will pay over to the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal:

Received from D. D. G. C. Dodds, for dispensations granted...	\$ 2 00
" " Rooks, " " ...	2 00
" " Peace, " " ...	12 00
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There is also the sum of \$2.00 due by Charity Lodge No. 20, for dispensation granted by myself.

Through the term I have expended for postage and sundry expenses the sum of \$5.00, an account for which I herewith submit.

REMARKS.

Some of the Lodges, in their revised By-laws, have reduced the fees for the several Ranks; and from what I have heard it has had a very beneficial effect in increasing their membership.

Before closing my report I desire to draw the attention of the Grand Lodge to our small representation, and think if some means could be