

In compliance with resolution passed at last Grand Lodge Session respecting badges for members, (see printed proceedings, page 43.) I wrote to our Bro. Joseph Shaw, Manchester, requesting him to ascertain the cost of fifty badges as samples; I received an answer stating that fifty could not be done at the prices quoted, and that the Company would not undertake any such order without charging prices that would come up to those in the estimate per 1,000. I also requested our R. W. Grand Treasurer, who was paying a visit to England, to call on Bro. Shaw and see what could be done with the order of fifty; the Grand Treasurer met Bro. Shaw, who reported the same as his letter. I also asked Bro. J. W. Haynes, secretary of London Lodge, who was visiting England, to call on the makers of the Foresters' regalia, to furnish us with a sample badge and price; Bro. Haynes reported that he could do nothing in the transaction. Through a friend of District Deputy Bro. Barker, in Manchester, I wrote and sent our sample badge for prices, but he recommended us to go to the original tenderers. The Executive, after long and serious consideration of the necessity for the badges, and the instructions issued by this Grand Body, came to the conclusion, considering the importance of the year 1887, to give a general order for 2,000 of the approved badge, and instructed me to make arrangements for the same. I asked for prices from a Toronto firm, Flett, Lowndes & Co., Front street, who agreed to furnish us with 2,000 badges at 15c. each, free of all duty, and according to the sample produced. This order, through so much time being lost in writing and explanations, was not given till the latter end of November; I am pleased to report, however, that the badges are made and on their way to Toronto, and will be ready for distribution in a few weeks. As there are only 2,000 ordered it will be necessary for the lodges requiring them to send in their orders immediately, so that we can obtain an extra supply if needed before the middle of June.

In compliance with the adoption of report of Committee on Officers' Reports, I forwarded to Mr. Jas. Beaty, M.P., and Mr. Mulock, M.P., to the House of Common, the thanks of this Grand Body for their valuable support and assistance in regard to the Insurance Bill introduced by Sir L. Tilley. Both these gentlemen acknowledged the letters with thanks.

Shortly after the close of last Grand Lodge Session I received from the Grand Secretary of the order Sons of St. George an answer to my last communication, which I had hoped to have laid before this Grand Body, in reference to the amalgamation of the two societies. As the Committee on Correspondence recommended no action to be taken, (see page 37, printed proceedings,) I merely acknowledged the communication, and suggested the consideration of the subject of affiliation whereby a transfer of Membership Cards could take place for the mutual benefit of both societies. The matter, however, took a more definite shape at the Grand Lodge Meeting of the order Sons of St. George in Buffalo. The result of my correspondence with Mr. Williams, Grand Secretary, was the appointment of a deputation consisting of Mr. Williams and several Grand Lodge Officers of the order Sons

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