

The following are at the present six months or upwards in arrears :—

4. Dorchester.	36. Chateauguay.	46. Excelsior.
14. Hoyle.	39. Sutton.	48. Mount Orford.
27. St. Johns.	42. Abercorn.	Onslow, U. D.
28. Tuscan.	44. St. Charles.	Rouville, U. D.
35. Brome Lake.		

Agreeably with a resolution of Grand Lodge passed at its meeting, held in September, 1876, I addressed communications to the following Lodges, viz.: Abercorn, No. 42; Sutton, No. 39; Burland, No. 51; and Dorchester, No. 4, in the terms directed. The three first named replied to my letters; the correspondence has been laid before the Board of General Purposes, and the result will, no doubt, be submitted to Grand Lodge.

I had the pleasure, in obedience to the order of Grand Lodge, of officially communicating to R. W. Bro. O'Halloran, P.D.G.M., the resolution adopted by this Grand Lodge, in September, 1876, recognising the distinguished services of that R. W. Brother.

The correspondence of the office, during the past year, has been extensive, I have endeavored to respond promptly to all letters and communications received.

In many cases, information has been sought from me, as Grand Secretary, on questions of Masonic Jurisprudence, where the information asked for, has touched on questions settled by the action of Grand Lodge, I have at once given the information required; but, on all unsettled points, I have referred my correspondents to the Grand Master, or District Deputy Grand Master.

I desire to call attention to the unsatisfactory manner, in which as a general rule, the returns to Grand Lodge are made, from Subordinate Lodges. Not more than one-half make returns semi-annually, as directed by the Constitution, a large majority neglect to properly fill up the blanks in forms; some omit dates, others give only initial letters to the given names of members; many fail to affix the Lodge Seal, and not a few are forwarded unsigned by proper officers.

With respect to Lodge Seals, I would call the attention of Worshipful Masters of Lodges, to page 51, sec. 1 and 2 of the Book of Constitution, which under caption, "Of the Lodge Seal," reads as follows:

"1st. Every Lodge shall have a Masonic Seal, to be fixed to all documents proper to be used.

"2nd. An impression of the Seal is to be sent to the Grand Secretary, and whenever changed, an impression of the new Seal, shall in like manner be transmitted."

No. 1, Antiquity; No. 25, Royal Albert; No. 45, Cœurs Unis, have each reported one member of their respective Lodges as suspended for unmasonic conduct. The following Lodges have returned suspensions for non-payment of dues as follows:—

Antiquity.....	No. 1.....	One.
St. George.....	" 11.....	Five.
Ashlan.....	" 31.....	Thirteen.