

whereas the Grand Secretary's Report for 1879, stated the number on the roll 548 only. This mistake was caused, in a great measure, by neglecting to enter up the returns received from the Lodges for 1877 and 1878, many demissions and suspensions &c., having occurred, and no note made of same on the register, and allowing Lodges to drop names without stating a reason.

I also discovered an error in moneys received by Brother Higgs during the years 1877 and 1878, of \$25.50; one amount (\$24.50) being dues paid by Zetland Lodge, No. 7, in 1877, and \$1.00 from Brother James M. Butcher for fee on appeal. I notified Brother Higgs of these errors in December last, and on the 8th March he paid me the amount.

As a means of giving the officers of the Subordinate Lodges the views of other Grand Lodges on different questions of masonic jurisprudence, I appended to the proceedings "A Digest of Decisions," compiled from their journals. At the semi-annual communication there was a disposition shown to find fault with me for having published same without the express sanction of Grand Lodge, and a motion was made to that effect, as appears by the minutes. In explaining my motive for doing so, I cannot do better than quote the words of R. W., Brother William P. Innes, Grand Secretary Grand Lodge of Michigan, in his report on Foreign Correspondence, 1880. "At the close of our review we append a compilation of the Decisions made in our sister jurisdictions by their Grand Masters, which will be found of great value to the presiding officers of our Subordinate Lodges.

APPEALS.

August 22nd, 1879. I received a notice of Appeal from Brother James M. Butcher against the action of Victoria Lodge, No. 2, in suspending him from all the rights and privileges of masonry.

I forwarded same with all the papers connected therewith to the Chairman of Committee on Grievances and Appeals.

October 23rd, 1879. Received notice of Appeal from Brother A. H. McPherson, Victoria Lodge, No. 2, against the ruling of the W. M. of said Lodge, in declining to put a motion made by Bro. McPherson.

At the semi-annual communication the M. W. Grand Master ordered both cases to be referred to the Board of General Purposes, the chairman of committee having resigned.