

of the Secretary to pay Grand Lodge dues or other outstanding amounts. This sad state of affairs has not been brought about by lack of interest manifested by the W. Master, Bro. McKay, who has done his best to collect a sufficient number of members to hold meetings, but without avail. He should, therefore, in my opinion, be exonerated from any blame in the matter, under circumstances over which he had no control. I beg to request that Grand Lodge may be pleased to take this view of the case. I would further suggest that the Dispensation to Onslow Lodge, now in his charge, be returned to this M. W. Grand Lodge and that said Onslow Lodge be erased until such times as more encouraging prospects may warrant a resuscitation of the same in this section.

The same unsatisfactory report will apply to Aylmer Lodge this year, as was given to the Grand Lodge last year by R. W. Bro. Millen, as D.D.G.M. of this District. There does not seem to be any more interest displayed by either Officers or members, who appear to be insufficiently skilled to enable them to carry on the work with much, if any credit, to themselves or the Craft. I regret that such is the case, as it is not for lack of intelligence. I have endeavoured to render the necessary assistance in this case, as instructed by Grand Lodge last year, and visited as frequently as lay in my power. I have performed the greater number of Initiations, Passings and Raisings myself, being accompanied by R. W. Bro. Millen, P.D.D.G.M., to whom my many thanks are due for his kind assistances and conveyances, on nearly every occasion.

I would therefore recommend that Aylmer Lodge Charter be recalled by this M. W. G. L., and a Dispensation be granted in due time, providing a sufficient number of members, as required by the Constitution, should, during the ensuing year deem it advisable to apply for the same. I believe the time has fully arrived when some such course should be adopted in this case, as being for the best interest of the Craft in this portion of the District.

I have to report having granted the following Dispensations: to the W.M. and Brethren of Eddy Lodge, No. 41, Hull, viz., permitting them to wear Masonic Regalia on two occasions; 1st, to attend a concert, held at Birchton, under the auspices of Chaudiere Lodge, No. 264, G.R.C., on December 27th, 5878. 2nd, to attend a Moonlight Excursion, held under the auspices of the Masonic Burial Plot Committee of Ottawa and Hull, on the 24th June, 5879.

The following have been suspended for non-payment of dues in Pontiac Lodge, viz.: Bros. S. Wilson and Wyman Moore. And several Brethren in the Eddy Lodge, all of whom have been duly reported to the Grand Secretary.

I cannot close this report without returning thanks to R. W. Bro. Simpson, for his kindness in connection with the Aylmer Lodge, on one or more occasions. I beg further to state that it is not my desire to again accept this office, as time will not permit me to give the necessary attention to the duties in connection therewith.

Respectfully submitted,

S. S. CUSHMAN,

*D. D. G. M., Ottawa District.*

It was moved by R. W. Bro. C. Judge, D.G.M., seconded by V. W. Bro. W. Simpson Walker,—

That the several reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters be referred to the Board of General Purposes, to report thereon during the present session of Grand Lodge.

The motion was carried, and the reports were so referred.