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The Supreme Chief Ranger

As the Supreme Chief Ranger purposes leaving for California, Oregon, Washington, British Columbia and Manitoba to look after the interests of the I. O. F., and his departure will take place about the end of the month, the Past Supreme Chief Ranger, Brother E. Botterell, House of Commons, Ottawa, will take charge of the Order during the Supreme Chief Ranger's temporary absence. All communications on questions of law should be addressed to the Past Supreme Chief Ranger on and after the 1st April, and until further notice.

Certificates of Endowmen and of Membership.

During the absence of the Supreme Chief Ranger his office work will be attended to by the Supreme Physician, Brother Dr. Millman. Any brother who is entitled to the Endowment Certificate or Certificate of Membership and has not received the same within a reasonable time will please write to Dr. Millman about the matter.

Applications for Membership.

If any Court in Canada has any Application Form which has not the endorsement in red ink required by the Act of Incorporation, we advise them to supply themselves with the proper Form forthwith.

If any High Court in Canada has any Applications for Membership without the endorsement in red ink required by the Act, they will please return them to the Supreme Secretary and he will replace them with the Form required by the Act.

Unfounded Charges.

The Supreme Officers sometimes receive very curious letters. They are always glad to have any errors they make pointed out so that the errors may be corrected and avoided for the future, and always treat with kindness and consideration the blunders of Subordinate officials, till such blunders are again and again repeated or are of such a nature as to make it utterly inexcusable. The subjoined letter if written by a totally illiterate brother would not be altogether excusable, but when it is learned that it emanates from a professional gentleman we think the unanimous verdict of our readers will be that the letter is without one redeeming feature. Had the brother written to us for any explanations we would have gladly given them to him, but he deliberately rushes into print, "where angels fear to tread," and therefore he must bear the consequences.

It will be remembered that the old Monthly Report Form required each Financial Secretary to give the name of each member of the Court in good standing as well as his rates of Assessment. As each Financial Secretary was required to make the Report in duplicate, it compelled the Financial Secretaries of our larger Courts to write from two to seven or eight hundred names with all the corresponding entries each month. The cry came up from all over our jurisdiction that some change must be made to relieve Financial Secretaries of the great burdens put upon their shoulders. It was at this time that the suggestion of Brother A. H. Fessenden was taken up and which led eventually to the adoption of Form No. 3 A. While it is true the first edition thereof was not as perfect in all the details as they now are, there has been no substantial change made in the Form as first issued. The Form No. 3 A has received the endorsement of nearly all our Financial Secretaries, from many of whom we have received cordial letters of thanks for making the change. It will also be remembered that it was proposed to use the old Monthly Forms for making the reports for January and July in each year. This was done in the interests