

been cleared up, and the resolution passed by the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, conceding that the position assumed by this Grand Lodge was the correct one, removes all barriers to the friendly intercourse which existed in former years, and enables us to renew the reciprocal exchange of Masonic courtesies.

You will be gratified to learn that, notwithstanding the depression which has pervaded every business and trade, and has been felt by every class throughout the whole community, our financial position is most satisfactory. After discharging all our obligations, and providing a large sum for the fund of benevolence, we have :

Investments.

Government Stock	\$48,073 33
Canadian Bank of Commerce	7,998 74
Bank of Toronto	44 59
	\$56,116 66

Standing of the credit of the following accounts :

General Fund	\$30,357 90
Asylum Fund	7,241 59
Investment for Benevolence	17,899 29
Current account for Benevolence	614 88
	\$56,116 66

'The Auditors' report will be submitted to you, and it is therefore unnecessary for me to comment on the above statement.

"EDEN LODGE."

It will be remembered that at our last communication, the Grand Lodge adopted the report of the Board of General Purposes, respecting the application for the issue of a warrant to Eden Lodge, London, recommending "that a warrant be not granted, but that the M.W., the Grand Master, be requested to issue his dispensation authorizing the officers and brethren named therein to pass and raise those already initiated in that Lodge."

In accordance with such action of Grand Lodge, as soon as the above report was adopted, I intimated to the D. D. G. M. for the London district that I was prepared to issue a dispensation in the terms of the foregoing report at any time upon the delivery up to the Grand Secretary of the dispensation then in the hands of the members of "Eden Lodge," and upon a return being made of the work done thereunder. Before I left London, however, I was requested by the D. D. G. M. to stay action for a time. I was urged to see some of the brethren who had opposed the granting of the above warrant, and I was assured that if I would see such brethren all further opposition would be withdrawn, and that already a large number of opposing brethren had expressed their regret at the course they had taken. After speaking to some of these brethren, I perceived that it was at all events premature to talk of having the opposition withdrawn, and at the request of the D. D. G. M. of the London district and R. W. Bro. Westlake, who saw me on the subject, I agreed to go back to London on my return from the seaside and ascertain if the hostility to "Eden Lodge" had abated, and in the meantime it was understood that "Eden Lodge" would not meet and would not therefore require the new dispensation to be issued—their desire being, if all opposition was withdrawn, to get a general dispensation with the assent of all—not limited in the terms prescribed by Grand Lodge. Before my return from the seaside, however, I learned that a meeting of "Eden Lodge" had been called for the purpose of initiating a candidate. I at once telegraphed the Grand Secretary to notify the Worshipful Master of "Eden Lodge" that his dispensation had expired, and to forbid him proceeding or holding any meeting under such dispensation. The Grand Secretary at once communicated the same to the W.M. of "Eden Lodge," but the meeting was held and a candidate was initiated, the W. M. stating that the Grand Secretary's letter did not reach him for some days after the meeting, although it had been received and opened by some person at the London Post Office before the meeting was held; the W. M. also contending that notwithstanding the action of Grand Lodge, the dispensation then in his hands authorized their proceedings, and would continue in force until a warrant should be issued by the Grand Lodge, and stating that this was the opinion of the D. D. G. M., under whose advice he had acted. The D. D. G. M. also wrote me assuming the responsibility for what had been done, and as both assured me that it was only through the alleged miscarriage of the letter of the Grand Secretary, that the meeting had been held, I determined not to take action in the matter for a time, at all events. Subsequently I met the brethren of "Eden Lodge" in London, and ex-