

that the copy is not referred to, is very apparent to me. I have had occasion, time and time again, either to return Reports or send corrections back to Lodges for such simple errors as mistakes in bringing forward the numerical or financial balances from one Report to the next one. A great part of the trouble arises also from too many officers having to take part in the making up of the Report, while it is only necessary for one to have anything to do with it. If the Minutes of the Lodge are correctly and properly kept, it should be a very simple matter for the K. of R. and S. to fill out the entire Report without asking for information or assistance from any one.

OBITUARY.

Within the past few months we have been called upon to mourn the death of two officers of the Supreme Lodge, Bro. Joseph Dowdall, of Columbus, Ohio, Supreme Keeper of Records and Seal, who died April 7th, and Rev. Bro. Wm. Bryce Thompson, of Nashville, Tenn., Supreme Prelate, who died April 23rd.

Bro. Dowdall was taken sick on March 14th, and his disease rapidly developed into an acute attack of what is commonly termed Bright's Disease, which, in about three weeks after, terminated fatally. By the death of Bro. Dowdall the Order loses one to whose exertions in its behalf, it owes to a great extent its present prosperity. In the dark days of 1874, when our Order was suffering through the malfeasance of the then S. K. R. S., Bro. Dowdall came forward and assumed debts amounting to several thousands of dollars, thus redeeming it from the perilous condition it was then in, and restoring its credit. He was elected S. K. R. S. at the Pittsburg Session in 1874, and has ever since been continuously re-elected. To the Order in Ontario he has been a firm friend, taking a deep interest in all our affairs, and ever ready to give us his counsel and advice. Nothing gave him greater pleasure than to hear of our welfare and prosperity, and during the past few years while we were at a standstill, he was continually urging us, in his letters, to stick to the Order and leave nothing undone that would in anyway advance its interests. He has now passed away from us forever, but the good works which he did will live after him. May each one of us, taking pattern by him, endeavor to emulate the good example which he set, and although we cannot all rise to the prominence in the Order which he did, yet we can, in our own humble sphere, do much that will tend to advance the good and welfare of the Order, and leave a name after us that, like his, will always be honored and revered.

Following close upon the announcement of Bro. Dowdall's death came that of Bro. Thompson. Although not so well known, yet he was much loved and respected by all with whom he came in contact. He was a faithful and earnest worker for the Order. He was a charter member of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee, which was instituted on April 2nd, 1872, our own Grand Lodge being almost its twin sister, as we were instituted on the eight. During the same year he was appointed G. K. R. S. to fill a vacancy, and