

The accounts with England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales, are not complete, as they show none of the transactions of last year in consequence of the very serious illness of Bro. Joseph Brown, my Eastern agent. His return I am informed will be forwarded so soon as he sufficiently recovers as to be able to make up his financial statement.

On the 5th day of December last, having confidence in the zeal, ability and honesty of our good brother, Joseph Malins, Grand Worthy Chief Templar of England, and Right Worthy Grand Counsellor, I commissioned him my assistant for the Grand Lodges of Great Britain and Ireland, and for all Lodges Grand and Subordinate, adjacent thereto, giving him full power to transact such business for the same as I might do were I personally present. The executive of the Grand body sanctioned my acts. Bro. Malins soon thereafter took hold of this responsible position, and has rendered to me an elaborate statement of his transactions. His financial statements came to me too late for this report, but I have the same with me for your perusal, and will be published with the Minutes. He shows a net profit during his term of office from 1st January, 1875, of £496 19s 11d sterling, equal in round numbers in United States currency at the present rate of gold, say \$2800. Under his regime I expect a large income during this present year. The Grand Lodge of England has an account against us for supplies furnished to Grand and Subordinate Lodges, and for Juvenile Templars, which will reduce their indebtedness very considerably. Bro. Malins will settle with us ere his departure.

AUSTRALIA.

Finding it expensive in shipping supplies to Australia, and acting under the advice of this Grand Body and with the sanction of the Executive, I, in September last, appointed Bro. Fred. Palmer, G.W.S., of Victoria, Australia, my agent for that part of the world. In order that he might commence at once, upon his receiving my appointment, I shipped him about \$1000 worth of supplies. Bro. Palmer received these goods in good order and at once issued a circular informing those in need, of his appointment, and that he had a quantity on hand. From what I could learn of Bro. Palmer I have every reason to believe him to be a good man, and will make an efficient officer for us.