

As intimated in my last address to you, I felt it was the duty of this Office to visit every Lodge in the jurisdiction. I had already, at an early day, intimated to the V. W. the Grand Secretary, that I should proceed on such a tour of visitation during the months of June and July last, and long looked forward with unmingled pleasure to that visitation. I am very sorry that I could not carry out that intention. The sickness of my child, which continued more or less severe for months, at last terminating in his death in August last, made it absolutely impossible to leave my home; and after his decease I found, on consultation with the V. W. the Grand Secretary, that it would be out of the question then to prosecute such visitations with anything like success.

I esteem it one of the most pleasant, and at the same time incumbent, duties of of this Office, to visit as often as possible the Lodges of this Province. Some of them have never been visited since the erection of Grand Lodge, and others, not since the visitation of my M. W. predecessor. I hope this state of things will not continue, if Providence permit otherwise.

And now, my Brethren, I have laid before you all matters that strike my mind as requiring notice from me at this time. All the papers and documents connected with the proceedings of the year, I have directed to be laid on the table of the V. W. Grand Secretary for your inspection, and I believe you will bring to the discharge of the duties of this Communication an earnest desire to promote the welfare of our Ancient and Honorable Institution.

GRAND SECRETARY'S ANNUAL REPORT.

The Grand Secretary begs respectfully to report:—

That the receipts of his office for the year just ended are \$1,278.69, as follows :

Registration Fees,.....	\$223 00
Certificates,	209 50
Annual Dues,	749 29
Li-pensions for Degrees, &c.,.....	50 50
Dispensation for a New Lodge,....	15 00
Warrant to St John Lodge, No 27,.....	6 00
Warrant to Lebanon Lodge, No. 28,.....	10 00
Constitutions and Blank Dimits,.....	14 80

Total.....\$1,278 69

He paid this sum to the Grand Treasurer in due time, and submitted an account in detail to the Board of General Purposes.

The respective Lodges have made their returns in full to the end of the year, and have settled all claims against them, except in two instances only, where small balances are due. The returns show the *work* of the year 1871, as follows:—

Number Initiated,.....	206
“ Passed,.....	203
“ Raised,.....	179
“ Join-d,.....	42
“ Re-instated,.....	7
“ Withdrawn,....	66
“ Suspended or Excluded.....	36
“ Died,.....	25
Total number of Members,	1926

The M. W. the Grand Master issued nineteen Dispensations for the following purposes:—

To confer Degrees at short periods, (not less than one week)	16
To wear Regalia in public,	1
To legalize the irregular advancement of a Candidate	1
To open a New Lodge, (St. Martin's).....	1

Total,19

In every case where dispensations were issued to abridge the time required for the conferring of degrees, the candidates were sea faring men about to proceed on long voyages, or persons unexpectedly leaving the jurisdiction to take up their residence in distant places.