

Secretary, by whom they will be duly accounted for. The Furniture and Funds of Ontario Lodge had been divided among the members. In a paper (marked "A"), accompanying this Report may be found the names of these Brothers, and a statement of the amount each received.

Soon after the organization of Industry Lodge, they commissioned the erection of a Lodge Hall, upon a lot donated to them. Their funds being insufficient to complete the work the Brothers united in making small loans to the Lodge, with the understanding, as I was informed, that they were to be repaid those sums, from the Lodge Funds accumulating thereafter. Their supposed benefactor failed soon after the completion of the Hall, and they learned, too late, that he was unable, as indeed he always had been, to give them a title to the lot upon which they had built. On account of the exorbitant requirements of the party into whose hands the land had passed, the Lodge felt unable or unwilling to redeem their Hall, and soon removed to another building, where they continued their exertions for an existence for some considerable time; but under so much dissatisfaction and discouragement from their misfortune, that they finally ceased to work; and, so far as they could, reimbursed themselves for their loans to the Lodge, from the Furniture and Funds they had accumulated. For further particulars concerning these Lodges, you are referred to their Minute Books and Records and to a communication from their last Deputy District Grand Master, Bro. A. Macdonald of Cobourg.

Having, without success, made repeated endeavors by letter, to accomplish the wishes of the Grand Lodge concerning Rose Lodge, I determined in January last to visit Amherstburg taking the Western Lodges in my route. By this journey I secured the Working and Degree Books, the Dispensation, and a few other articles belonging to Rose Lodge. Of their Funds, I could get no account beyond the very unsatisfactory one long since in the possession of this Grand Lodge. Their furniture was seized for Rent. Concerning the disposition made of their Regalia, Emblems, Minute Books and other Records, all with whom I conversed, professed entire ignorance. When it is borne in mind, that it is several years since this Lodge ceased to work, and that the Dispensation recovered by me was a special one, granted them two years ago, upon their reorganization by their Grand Master Dolson, and from that day to this, they have not once held a meeting, or paid a single dollar of Dues—it will not be expected that any very flattering account can be given by me, either of the property or the conduct of the members of this Lodge. However, in this case as in all others of a similar nature, there are honorable exceptions, whose names, together with such further particulars as I could obtain, you will find attached to a communication (marked B.) addressed to you from members of Rose Lodge.

I did not visit Morpeth, having been assured by different Brothers (who I believe were in a position to know,) that the Charter was surrendered soon after the dissolution of the Lodge there, and the Funds having been loaned or misappropriated by their Treasurer, the remaining property, such as Books, Emblems, Regalia &c., were turned over to their more creditable successor, Rond Eau Lodge.

In the matter of Elgin, our only remaining delinquent; the Working and Degree Books, and Charter of which were recovered last year; a Special Committee was appointed, whose Report will be laid before you at this meeting.

I consider it is only fair to state here, that these delinquencies are none of them chargeable to the year past, but are, less one, the total of such cases during our existence as a Grand Lodge. But in each of these cases of irregularity in disbanding and of dishonor in dividing property and Funds; this Lodge should not longer delay decisive action; in order that those who are free from blame shall not be left on a par with, or entirely at the mercy of such as have thus far been allowed to pursue and perfect their evil designs with impunity. Our own indifference or hesitation in