

During the year the Grand Chancellor has, I believe, paid an official visit, at least once, to every Lodge in the jurisdiction, with very beneficial results. Crusader Lodge No. 5, of Port Arthur, and Algoma Lodge No. 11, of Sault Ste. Marie, which, while always on our Roll, have been dormant for some time back, were again revived through his visit, and satisfied him that a successful future was in store for them. The latter Lodge has fully carried out his expectations, but the former I have been unable to get any word from since. I think it would be well to have the Deputy at Sault Ste. Marie visit it, and find out exactly how matters stand. This could be done at very little expense to Grand Lodge, and would be money well expended.

Since our last session two new Lodges have been added to our number, both being instituted by the Grand Chancellor. The first one was instituted on September 7th, 1883, at Harrow, in the County of Essex, and is named Erie No. 21; the other is Mizpah No. 22, at London East, and was instituted on February 19th, 1884. Full particulars will, no doubt, be submitted to you by the Grand Chancellor in his Report.

In addition to the above, I understand that on the 9th inst. the Grand Chancellor will reorganize Marmion Lodge No. 15, of Chatham. In connection with this I desire to inform the Grand Lodge that, at the request of the Grand Chancellor, I forwarded the effects of Damon Lodge No. 8 for use in re-organizing the Lodge. Both of these lodges were located in the same place, and met in the same hall, the properties belonging only to No. 8, but were loaned or rented to the other. The Grand Lodge has the power to dispose of the effects of a lodge that surrenders its charter, to the best advantage, and the proceeds, after paying any debts that may be due, placed to the credit of the defunct Lodge. In this case, however, I am informed that there is little or no likelihood of No. 8 ever being resuscitated, and it is the desire of No. 15 to have the properties made over to them, as many members of No. 8 have signified their intention of affiliating with the one about to be re-organized. The only debt unpaid by Damon Lodge that I know of is due to Grand Lodge, and the amount is only \$3.66. The properties were forwarded by me on the understanding with the Grand Chancellor that I should bring the matter to the attention of the Grand Lodge, and let it be dealt with there. It is a question whether we have the right to take into consideration the likelihood of a defunct lodge being resuscitated or not. It appears to me that it should always be looked upon in the light of a possible possibility, and treated as such.

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I am pleased to say that during the past year the majority of the Lodges have forwarded their reports within a reasonable time after installation, but there are yet one or two which can make considerable improvement in regard to promptness. The Committee on Returns and Credentials can see the date of the reception of each report.