

2. That it is necessary to properly promulgate the uses and beauties of our order where the Pythian Standard has not been already unfurled, and for this purpose your future Grand Chancellor or a regularly appointed officer be paid a salary for the purpose of organizing new lodges.

3. That the in-coming Grand Chancellor or his representative visit Wingham and Oil Springs, and endeavour to have Sicily and Oil Springs lodges resuscitated as at present they are in a dormant condition, and if necessary and there is a good prospect of infusing new vigor into the brethren that he spend some days in each place.

POSTPONEMENT OF GRAND LODGE SESSION.

Because of the fact that I found it impossible to secure from the Transportation Companies running to Port Arthur a satisfactory low rate from all points in Ontario to that point, and on account of the expense of taking representatives from all lodges in the jurisdiction, and that the cost of doing so would more than exhaust the finances under the control of Grand Lodge and leave us with a large deficit to face, I concluded that it was in the interest of the order generally that this session of Grand Lodge should not be held at Port Arthur this year. I accordingly requested all subordinate lodges not to send representatives there but decided upon putting in an appearance myself upon the date when Grand Lodge should have met, which I did, and there being no quorum present I decided to call the Grand Lodge to meet at Windsor, at 9 a.m. on August 21st, for this session.

OFFICIAL VISITS.

It was my intention when accepting the position of Grand Chancellor to visit every lodge in the jurisdiction and with one or two exceptions I have done so, and would have got to every lodge without a single exception had it not been for circumstances which were beyond my control. I was unable to get to Sarnia and Petrolia and therefore requested the Grand Vice Chancellor to visit these lodges for me; the one remaining lodge that I was unable to visit was Sicily, No. 32 and on the date I had appointed to go to Wingham and visit that lodge Brother Fleuty K. of R. and S. advised me there was no use in going then as they would not be able to get a quorum together to meet me. I had fully intended going later but was unavoidably prevented.

December 4th, 1893.—I visited Hamilton and had the pleasure of meeting Red Cross No. 3, and Bismarck No. 31, in combined meeting. After a short address to the brethren present, which was very acceptably received, I had the pleasure of witnessing the long form of the Knight Rank conferred by a team of the brethren of Red Cross. Upon their very creditable work I wish to compliment them, and it is well worthy of imitation by all lodges in the juris-