

with. My demands were made in open Division of the W. P., who refused to submit to the authority of the Grand Division; thereupon I demanded the charter of the Division, with the property in his possession or under his control, which, in violation of his obligation on being installed into office, he refused to surrender. It therefore became my unpleasant duty to declare the charter of Howard Division forfeited. I have much pleasure, however, in reporting that, immediately after my having taken the above step, a number of the loyal members of the Division (who had during the continuance of the insubordination of the Division continually protested against the illegal acts of their associates), applied for the charter, agreeing to be governed by the laws and usages of the Order. Ascertaining the following day that the charter had been removed from the room, and could not be found, I granted to the applicants—P.G.W.P. Rev. J. McMurray and others—a dispensation to continue working the Division until the proper charter should be returned to the room, or a duplicate one granted by this body. I am gratified to report that the regular meetings of Howard Division have never ceased, and the Division now occupies a very respectable position.

Under my instructions the Grand Scribe, on behalf of the G. D., demanded of the late W. P. of the Division, Mr. Morrison, the Charter, Ritual, and such other property in his possession, or under his control, as belonged to the Division. I have to report that none of the said property has as yet been handed over. Two other persons having monies of the Division in their possession, or under their control, were by my instructions cautioned against making use of, or disposing of the same, pending the action of this body in respect thereof. The G. S. informs me that Mr. James Spike has handed to him a B. B., the property of the Division, which is the only article yet returned.

I trust the Grand Division will take such action in respect to the above matters as will best conserve the interests of the Order.

I exceedingly regret the occasion that has imposed such unpleasant duties upon your G. W. P., and G. S.; and I beg to assure you that during the whole discussion of this case, I have had the most anxious solicitude for the interests of our beloved Order, which I believe has been largely shared in by the G. S.

Respecting our Agents in the field I have not much to report. We feel that they have many difficulties to contend against. Brothers give them your fullest sympathy. As we occasionally hear of the formation of new and the resuscitation of old Divisions, we see the results of their faithful labours. The Agency Committee will no doubt be able to supply the fullest information respecting what is being accomplished in this branch of our operations. The usual reports in connection with the Agency will be laid before you, and you will again be called upon to aid them by your money, your sympathies and your prayers. Brothers may we not feel assured that you will not fail in the discharge of these important duties.

I am pleased to inform you that during the past quarter several Divisions have become Incorporated, and I would take this opportunity of calling the attention of all Divisions in good standing to the importance of availing themselves of the act incorporating the Grand Division.