

Circulars were received by me from different Lodges in the Southern States, asking for aid in building New Lodge Rooms, &c., &c. A few Lodges in this jurisdiction responded to the call, and forwarded contributions to the Grand Secty., which amounts were duly forwarded to the proper quarter.

I issued a circular to all Lodges in this jurisdiction, asking aid for the Quebec sufferers, who, at that time were left destitute by hundreds, with nothing but the canopy of heaven for their covering.

No. 1.

I am happy to inform you that the call was duly responded to, and over one hundred dollars (\$100) was sent to the Grand Secty. to be forwarded to the Committee in Quebec, but on account of the manner in which the funds subscribed by the people of this and the Old Country for their relief, has been misapplied by the Relief Committee, I deemed it but right to retain said money for your disposal.

Dec. 1st I received a circular from James L. Ridgley, Esq. R. W. Corresponding & Recording Secty., Grand Lodge, U. S., requesting that the Lodges in this jurisdiction should set apart the 26th day of April, (Thanksgiving Day.) I accordingly issued a circular to all Lodges, requesting them to govern themselves accordingly.

I am most happy to report that the above named day was duly set apart for the purpose mentioned in the circular, by the Brethern of this jurisdiction. I also received a circular from the same source, asking for aid to the Southern Lodges. The Grand Secty. will inform you what amount the Lodges subscribed to that object.

I received a letter from D. D. G. Master, W. A. Glover, Erie Lodge, asking me to be present at the dedication of their New Hall, on the 20th of December. Wishing to pay that Lodge a visit, I availed myself of the invitation.

After the dedication P. G. Master, Bro. Bingham, who had also been specially invited, gave an oration which was listened to with marked attention by all present.

No. 2.

I received a communication from D. D. Grand Master, John Barr of Hamilton, enclosing a petition from five Scarlet Members, asking me for a warrant to open another Lodge in the City of Hamilton, to be called Unity Lodge. I complied with their request, and on the 3rd day of April said Lodge was duly opened by Past Grand Master Bingham, assisted by several members of Excelsior Lodge. Bro. Bingham will please accept my thanks for his assistance to me on that occasion, also Bros. Ferguson, Pierce and other members of Excelsior Lodge.

The following questions have been submitted to me:

Can a person be initiated into the Order, over 50 years of age? Answer, No.

Can a person be initiated into the Order who has lost his right arm, but who is in every other respect fully qualified? Answer, no.

If a Brother has lost his Card can his Lodge grant him another?

"Answer."—A Brother who has lost or been dispossessed of his Card from no cause: which should impeach his own conduct, may obtain a new one