

aware of the amount at its credit in sufficient time to have notified the several subordinate Lodges, I should have deemed that the proper time had arrived for carrying out the recommendation of the special committee on Testimonial to Bro. J. R. Peel, adopted at the last session. I would therefore recommend this matter to your special attention at this Session.

During the year I have received communications from the Grand Lodges of Kansas and Minnesota respecting the purchase of Charters, and as they appeared anxious to obtain a supply of these from us, I fully expected I would have been able to announce that a sale had been effected, but the high rate of exchange has for the present prevented the accomplishment of this object.

3. In January last I received a petition from five brothers, asking that a Lodge be instituted in the town of Windsor, to be hailed and known as "Frontier Lodge." Believing that the opening of a Lodge in that place would be productive of much good, and rejoicing in the opportunity of adding yet another to our family of Lodges, I issued a warrant, and not being able to visit Windsor myself, deputed D. D. G. M. Marquand, of Chatham to conduct the ceremony of opening the Lodge. My thanks are due, and are hereby tendered to Bro. Marquand, for the alacrity with which he accepted the responsibility, and the duty I am happy to say he very satisfactorily performed on the 29th of the same month, instituting the Lodge and installing the officers. And now, as the result, we have with us a Representative of that Lodge, for whom I bespeak your brotherly consideration and regard. This, the youngest member of our fraternity has already outstripped many of her older sisters, and bids fair shortly to make even the strongest of them to look well to their laurels, lest she take her place in the foremost of all. I have great pleasure in recommending that a Charter be granted for "Frontier Lodge, No. 45."

4. As another proof of the satisfactory manner in which the affairs of the Order have been conducted during the past year, I would adduce the fact, that in no case have I been called upon to decide in the matter of appeal, and in but one instance have I been asked for a decision, namely, in the following matter: D. D. G. M. Bristol, on behalf of Samaritan Lodge, enquired—"if they would be justified in inviting and introducing into the Lodge as visitors, persons from the United States who were well posted in Oddfellowship, and who could convince a committee of three that they had been instructed in the five degrees of our Order; but owing to the unsettled state of affairs in the United States, were not in possession of the ordinary papers and could not produce them," to which I replied they would not be justified in admitting the parties, as only those brothers could be admitted as visitors who can prove themselves members in *good standing* of some other Lodge of our Order.

5. In accordance with the decision of the Grand Lodge at its Session of 1862, with regard to cancelling original Dispensations, I have to report that in September last that of Eureka Lodge was cancelled, thus leaving the original Dispensation of Brock Lodge the only one of that class uncanceled. I would recommend that the D. D. G. Master for that Lodge be instructed to cancel the same.

6. The R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, at its last Session, through the prompt and energetic action of our R. W. G. Representative, very handsomely conceded to this Grand Lodge, the right of dealing with the matter of the admission of members of the Manchester Unity, to our fellowship; it will therefore be incumbent on you to take the subject into your serious consideration. On this, I need say nothing more, as I have no doubt the R. W. Grand Representative, Bro. Bingham, will in his Report, bring this subject prominently before you.

7. The members of Long Point Lodge have made alterations in their By-Laws, which I have approved of subject to your decision.