

The dispensations to Seaside and Myrtle Lodges were granted at the time of my visit to them, so that I might see the Ritualistic work done, and for which I charged no fee.

This I consider the Grand Chancellor's privilege, notwithstanding there is no authority for such in our Constitution.

CIRCULARS.

I received a number of circulars issued by the Supreme Chancellor, to be distributed among the different Lodges, asking assistance for the "Hines Memorial." I issued an explanatory circular, a copy of which, together with one of those issued by the Supreme Chancellor, I sent to each lodge in the Jurisdiction.

CHANGES IN BY-LAWS.

Border Lodge, No. 8, submitted for approval the following addition to Article XIV.; Section 2, of their By-Laws:—

"And furthermore it shall be the duty of each member to notify the Chancellor Commander or other member of Relief and Visiting Committee at the beginning of his illness. Should he be so situated that the committee cannot report on his case he will be required to furnish the committee with a certificate signed by a reliable witness or witnesses stating the length of time he has been ill and entitled to benefits."

This addition I have been pleased to approve.

Frontier Lodge, No. 4, have submitted for my approval the following substitution for Article XIV., Section 2, of their By-Laws:—

"A Knight of this Lodge qualified as provided by the foregoing section, being unable to attend to his usual occupation from sickness or disability, shall be entitled to receive and shall be paid weekly from the General Fund of the Lodge, one dollar per week (as required by Supreme Lodge law) for each whole week of such sickness or disability, in addition to which he shall be entitled to receive and shall be paid two dollars per week, provided however that the benefit of two dollars per week shall not in any instance be paid for the first week's sickness or disability, unless such sickness or disability shall continue two or more weeks, and no Knight shall be entitled to receive the benefit of two dollars per week for more than thirteen weeks until the expiration of a period covering twelve months from the commencement of such sickness or disability, and provided further, that such sickness or disability has not proceeded from his own improper conduct; and provided also that after a Knight shall have received two hundred dollars in benefits, he shall then and thereafter for any illness or disability be entitled to receive the minimum benefit provided by this By-Law only, the Lodge having power, however, to increase the benefit to the full amount in case of absolute necessity."

This I have approved.