

incidentals, \$5.25 ; express charges, \$17.25. I am pleased to report further, that our assets are such as to place beyond doubt, the sound and satisfactory state of the Grand Lodge, the principal asset is \$226.20 from Port Elizabeth ; the asset from Britannia Lodge has been paid since balance sheet was printed. It is with great pleasure that we refer you to the present financial standing of the Grand Lodge, which would be even more satisfactory if our officers used their influence in this direction.

I trust the time is not far distant when supplies of every description will be obtained through the Grand Lodge, then things would be more uniform and the Lodges would receive far more benefit. I desire to ask this Grand Lodge to pass a law requiring all members to appear in regalia in the Lodge room, and that a cheap regalia be provided for that purpose. By reason of a large number of our members desiring some scarf pin appropriate to the Order, I have ordered a sample to be made and submit it for the approval of this Grand Lodge. I have also procured a sample of funeral badge according to motion on the sessional papers. I cannot close my report without a pause while I state that during the year just closed, many true and noble Sons of England has gone to their last home. Some cut down in the very prime of life ; some in the early years of manhood ; while some after a well spent life has gone to their reward. Prominent among the list are two Grand Lodge officers, Bro. Dr. Clarke, of Belleville, Grand Chaplain, and Bro. Nott, of Wellington Lodge, Deputy Grand Chaplain. Among the remaining number, both officers and members has been stricken down, while peacefully slumbering we laid them in the silent grave, to meet again on the morn of the resurrection. I am sorry that the effect of our beautiful funeral ceremony is often lost through the careless and mumbling manner in which it is read. I am pleased however to note a general spirit and manifestation of sympathy by our number on these sad occasions.

Before drawing my report to a close, I desire to suggest that some means be adopted whereby the attendance at Lodge meetings should be increased, while a few of our Lodges are well attended, others are very poorly attended, anything that will tend to increase the popularity of our meetings will be a lasting benefit.

The management expenses of our Lodges has been somewhat large during the past year, amounting to over 2,500 dollars. It will be understood that a considerable portion of this sum is for Regalia and Expenses of Delegates. Notwithstanding this outlay, I am pleased to report all our Lodges are in a better financial condition than last year. In closing my report, I desire to acknowledge the uniform kindness shown me on all occasions, and for the respect shown to the position I hold on your behalf. I have endeavored as