

The dispensation of Eureka and Brock Lodges are the only ones of this class yet uncalled.

Charters of extinct Lodges, (Ontario, Industry and Rose), have been recovered during the recess, and together with inventory of the property recovered, are duly filed with papers of said Lodges. Part of the effects of the above Lodges have been disposed of to Thames and Excelsior Lodges—see "Financial Statement."—The books and records also obtained should be carefully preserved for future reference. The value of the charge books and property obtained is considerably greater than the expense incurred in their recovery.

The by-laws of Excelsior Lodge, and an amended by-law of Gore Lodge are submitted for your approval.

Amendments to the Constitution of this Grand Lodge of which notice was given last Session will require your careful consideration.

The Correspondence had between the M.W. Grand Master and myself is herewith submitted.

The Semi Annual Reports for both terms from all the Lodges have been received giving evidence of life and activity in the benevolent work of the Order. Who can tell the amount of suffering prevented, the amount of comfort afforded to the Widow and Orphan, by the sum devoted to that purpose, small though it be, while the amounts to the credit of the Lodges indicate the ability, if need be, to do yet more for the alleviation of sickness and distress. It will be well for the proper committee to carefully examine the Reports with a view to the correction of some small discrepancies which, notwithstanding all the care exercised in getting up the blank forms still occur.

The Reports of Erie Lodge still show an adherence to their custom for years past of requiring only One Dollar for quarter's dues: and there seems to be a great disinclination on the part of the Lodge to comply with the repeated requirements of the Grand Lodge to amend their Laws in conformity with the Constitution for Subordinates. As an equivalent to the grand Lodge in the matter of percentage they have paid this year fifteen per cent instead of ten, as required from all other Lodges, and seem willing to continue the same. The Lodge appears to be working prosperously and in explanation of their course you are referred to the Report of D. D. Grand Master Glover, for December 1862. Evidently the Constitution ordained for their guidance should be amended to meet their wishes or they should be required to adhere to our well established usage and law.

The Statistical Table accompanying this will show more fully the condition of the several Lodges.

The income and expenditure for the past year is given in the annexed statement.

The supplies on hand are as follows:

Banner, Regalia and Emblems, Rose Lodge.....	\$ 6 00
Balance of Regalia, Ontario Lodge.....	5 00
2 Working Books.....	@ \$ 2 50 5 00
4 Degree Books.....	2 50 10 00
2 Rebecca Books.....	1 25 2 50
3 Public Installation Books.....	1 25 3 75
8 Degree Books.....	2 00 16 00
3 Working Books.....	1 25 3 75
11 Visiting Cards.....	25 2 75
Orders, Blanks, Circulars, Reports, Propositions &c.....	10 00
Postage Stamps.....	1 18
Amount owing by Excelsior Lodge for Regalia.....	27 00
Amount owing by Erie Lodge for two Working Books.....	4 00
Total.....	\$ 162 86