

home and business, with continuous labor, night and day, for some of our Deputies to make the rounds of their Districts, and devote even a small portion of their time in imparting the work and lectures in the several Lodges. The compensation for this labor barely meets the expenses incurred by the Deputy. Some of the Lodges are liberal enough, and others are either not able or are unwilling, while the matter is left to their discretion alone, to make adequate allowance for his services. Men are not able, in these latter days, to leave home and business and devote their days and nights to this labor of love, and I believe the time has come when a change is demanded in our system of disseminating the work and lectures among the Craft."

Thirteen dispensations for new Lodges were granted. The W. M. of Little River Academy Lodge was suspended from the performance of his duties, for denying the Divine authenticity of the Bible.

Now then Bro. Bonner, prepare for a general bombardment. We give him our hearty support in the following :

"A party petitioned Dallas, No. 412, some years ago, and was rejected. Afterwards, he visited England for a short time. On his return, he stated that he was then a Mason, and exhibited cards, letters, etc., showing that he had received the degrees in Liverpool. I decided that the W. M. of No. 412 did right in refusing him permission to visit the Lodge, or recognizing him as a Mason. While we may not be able to control the action of Lodges in other jurisdictions, in this matter, we can refuse to recognize their sight-made Masons. If we adhere to the rule, it will greatly check this pernicious practice."

The report on Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of Bro. M. F. Mott, and embraces the Proceedings of 43 American Grand Bodies, Nova Scotia, 1874, among them. Bro. M. quotes P. G. Master Sircom's reasons for refusing a dispensation to form a new Lodge at Glace Bay, and adds :

"Masonry has no cause to fear decadence from any outside cause whatever; only can it be destroyed, or rendered less effective as an agency for good, by its own membership, and officials acting within its own assemblages; the greatest danger, in our opinion, comes from the undue authorization by Grand Masters for the formation of new Lodges. Let no Grand Master grant a Dispensation to the minimum number of brethren; for although that number constitutes a perfect Lodge, and is in the range of the Grand Lodge requirement, yet the work can be but imperfectly performed, and the candidate for the mysteries goes away but slightly impressed with the great lessons of truth taught within our assemblages. Let all Grand Masters require a larger number of applicants on each petition; require a sufficient number of brethren to maintain the Lodge by their annual dues, so that there may not seem to be a necessity of adding to its membership, by