

'I am happy to be able to report the success of the course pursued, as the amount required less \$5.50, was wholly contributed.

The amounts thus received are in addition to what these Lodges had before paid to the same object, and will be given in my statement of Receipts.

Having acted on this measure (not without advice) but without authority, I shall most cheerfully contribute the present deficiency, if the Grand Lodge Fund is to suffer on account of my action in the matter.

It will be seen by reference to the correspondence with this office, that an opportunity has quite recently offered for the disposal of a quantity of lithographed Charters, and from what I can learn of the wants of other Grand Lodges, I am satisfied, that the Charter has only to be seen to be appreciated and sought for.

The design is a most beautiful and comprehensive one, doing credit both to the head and heart of the donor, Bro. John R. Peel, our present Deputy Grand Master, and with an alteration of two or three words in the printed portion, could be adopted by any other Grand Lodge.

I believe a very creditable revenue may be derived from the sale of Blank Charters, and with a view to the purchase of the stones upon which our present Charters were struck off, I submit such estimates for the stones and the cost of printing or lithographing, as I have been able to obtain.

In response to the resolution on page 27 of last journal, ordering the return of the original Dispensations of Lodges, on the receipt of the new Charters, I have received the Dispensations of Union, Erie, Gore, Samaritan, Imperial, Forest City, Avon, and St. Marys Lodges.

Of the existing Lodges that have not complied with the resolution referred to, I believe three of them hold Dispensations from the Grand Lodge of the United States, issued before the organization of this Grand Lodge, and seem to be of the opinion that this Lodge cannot recall their Dispensations.

This opinion is, I think, erroneous, since full authority and control of all Subordinate Lodges in this Jurisdiction was transferred by the Grand Lodge of the United States, to this Grand Lodge, immediately upon its organization.

This much is certain, no Lodge can reasonably claim two Dispensations or Charters—one or the other should be returned.

Of those Lodges that did not receive the new Charter, Rose, Morpeth, Industry and Ontario Lodges, (some of them long since extinct,) have made no return of either their Dispensations, Books or other effects.

From Ontario Lodge no report has been received since Jan. 1861, and I have been unable to obtain even a reply to my letters of inquiry, addressed to their last Rep., and D. D. G. M. for that District.

Industry Lodge was also under his charge, and his long silence is