

MASONIC MEMORANDA.

NOTES OF INTEREST TO WESTERN ONTARIO CRAFTSMEN.

The Approaching Grand Lodge Meeting—Prospective Elective Officers—The D. D. G. M. for No. 3 District—A Few Facts in Regard Thereto—Elections and Installations in Various Lodges.

The forty-fourth annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario will be held at Ottawa, on Wednesday, the 19th inst., and, as the House of Commons will be in session at the time, it is expected that a more than ordinarily interesting meeting will take place, many of the M. P.'s being members of the Craft, and about a dozen Past Grand Masters of the different Provinces of the Dominion. The attendance from the extreme Western section of the jurisdiction will not be as large as is generally the case when Grand Lodge is held in a central locality, but with Parliament sitting, it will tax the capital city to its utmost to provide the necessary hotel accommodation for 500 or 600 additional transient visitors. The Ottawa brethren, however, assure us that there need be no fear entertained on that score, and that the residences of craftsmen who cannot secure hotel accommodation, this is an off year in elections, and it goes without saying that Grand Master Malone will be re-elected unanimously. Both brethren have shown that they appreciate the honor conferred upon them by working with zeal and fidelity in strengthening the bonds which unite the fraternality. Of the other Grand Lodge officers to be elected, the Freemason says:—"The contest for the Board of General Purposes will likely be the most interesting feature of the elections this year. The knowing ones predict that Ottawa and London will each capture a wardenship, leaving the Grand Chaplain and Grand Registrar for other sections of the jurisdiction. We have heard very little talk this year about the election, and while many names were mentioned as 'in the field,' yet inquiry proved them mere rumors, so far as the best candidates were concerned. Of course there are numbers of brethren eager for any office that is going, but Grand Lodge cannot afford to place in office any one that imagines he has claims to recognition other than on merit and ability. The honor and dignity of Grand Lodge renders it now more imperative than ever to carefully consider the material out of which officers—both elective and appointed—are selected."

V. W. Bro. James H. Flock, Q. C., of this city, is apparently slated for a walk-over for the post of the Grand Junior Warden, and as he has both "merit and ability," it is unadvised to see why he should be opposed, more especially as he is one of the oldest Past Masters of the Grand Lodge—nearly 40 years since he presided in the east. The members of the Board of General Purposes who offer for re-election are R. W. Bros. W. Roaf, Toronto; W. T. Toner, Collingwood; J. E. Hargrave, Lindsay; R. E. Windsor, and E. S. Wale, Windsor. The "notices of motion," given with the intention of restricting the suffrages of the members of Grand Lodge, are doubtless made in good faith but it will require more than heated majorities of Grand Lodge representatives that their choice should be confined to those who have not served more than four years previously on the committees of the board. It would be a wise move to attempt to prevent the Grand Lodge from having a free and untrammelled selection of representative brethren. It is not generally looked upon as a wise policy to dispense with the services of old and tried brethren simply because the majority do not seem to feel they are able to fill satisfactorily. Every Past Master at Grand Lodge has an equal right with his fellow craftsmen to offer for any of the positions, and that Grand Lodge will so decide does not admit of a doubt.

The choice of a Past Master to fill the office of District Deputy Grand Master for London District is exciting considerable interest among the fraternity. The number of candidates has narrowed down to V. W. Bro. C. A. Kingston, of St. John's, No. 209a, and W. Bro. George F. Morris, of Union Lodge, No. 280. The only reasons advanced by the Kingston opponents against his election, so far as the writer has heard, are that Irish Ritual lodges should not be permitted to exercise such influence in Masonic matters, and secondly that they have more than their share of Grand Lodge officers at present. Regarding the first reason, it should be distinctly understood that Bro. Kingston has the Canadian way as aptly at his fingers' ends as any Past Master in the District; and that he is a brother who can be depended upon to represent the Grand Master in an efficient manner may be gathered from the following remarks of R. W. Bro. Broderick, who was D. D. G. M. when Bro. Kingston officiated as Master of his mother lodge—"On Thursday, the 17th May, I again visited this lodge, when there was a large attendance of members and visitors. The third degree was conferred by the W. M., W. Bro. Kingston, in a most impressive and faultless manner. Without in any way wishing to disparage the many faultless workers that have in the past presided over this lodge, I think the present W. M., W. Bro. Kingston, is without an equal, not only in the exemplification of their ritual, but in presiding over his lodge with firmness and equity." The brethren of London District cannot go astray in placing in charge of the district a brother who was deemed worthy of such eulogy at the hands of the D. D. G. M. in 1894. In reference to the second contention, that Nos. 20 and 209a have more than their share of Grand Lodge officers, it should be remembered that the bodies named have a larger membership than any other lodges in the Western portion of the jurisdiction; but the fault-finders—and they are principally from Nos. 64 and 185—should have investigated their objection before giving it currency. Here is a list of the past and present Grand Lodge officers, holding allegiance to city lodges, and a perusal of it will suffice to show the stupidity of circulating such nonsensical statements:—

No. 20—R. W. Bro. A. B. Greer.
No. 20—Y. W. Bro. M. D. Dawson.
No. 20—V. W. Bro. J. Hook.
No. 42—R. W. Bro. A. B. Munson.
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No. 64—R. W. Bro. R. B. Hungerford.
No. 64—Y. W. Bro. J. H. Flock.
No. 64—Y. W. Bro. C. A. Sippel.
No. 64—Y. W. Bro. John Overell.
No. 185—R. W. Bro. P. W. D. Broderick.
No. 185—R. W. Bro. R. W. Bro.
No. 185—R. W. Bro. I. Waterman.
No. 185—R. W. Bro. G. S. Birrell.
No. 185—R. W. Bro. A. W. Porte.
No. 185—Y. W. Bro. T. Beattie.
No. 185—Y. W. Bro. J. D. Clarke.
No. 209a—R. W. Bro. J. S. Dowar.
No. 209a—Y. W. Bro. A. E. Irvine.
No. 209a—Y. W. Bro. C. A. Kingston.
No. 230—R. W. Bro. C. H. Spencer.
No. 230—Y. W. Bro. H. C. Simpson.
No. 230—Y. W. Bro. A. Irvine.
No. 230—R. W. Bro. John Simpson.
No. 230—Y. W. Bro. O. J. Bridle.

There is reason for believing that the Grand Lodge representatives from London District will, by a large majority, place Bro. Kingston at the head of the poll, not because he belongs to No. 209a—which, by the way, stands just as well in the eyes of the great mass of the fraternity as any of its sister lodges, and is entitled to equal rights and privileges with any other lodge—but because he has the ability to guide and conduct the affairs of the district as they should be, and also because he commands the respect and esteem of every brother who has the good of craft Masonry at heart. In saying so, the writer has nothing but the friendliest feelings towards his opponent, Bro. Morris. Personally, he is genial, social, good fellow, and with a few years additional experience in Masonic lore and active participation in craft affairs, will undoubtedly come to the front and secure recognition from his brethren. But Grand Master Malone desires the district this year to assist him, and as has been previously stated, the writer believes Bro. Kingston is the best fitted offering at present to fill the office. The Toronto Freemason, in its last issue, has this to say regarding the matter:—"V. W. Bro. C. A. Kingston is likely to be the next D. D. G. M. of No. 3 District, and there will be no mistake made if he is elected."

The Board of General Purposes is called to meet on Monday, the 17th inst., at 11 o'clock, in Harmony Hall, Ottawa, adjoining the Grand Opera House. The Exeter brethren are arranging an excursion from London to Kincardine for the 3rd of August. Belmont Lodge, No. 190, A. F. & A. M., has elected the following officers:—W. M. R. W. Bro. J. Boyd; S. W. D. Lawson; J. W. A. Christie; Treas., John Cousins; Sec., James McMillan; Chap., Jas. S. D. J. McNicol; J. D. Victor Jackson; Aditors, Dr. Meldrum and D. McPherson. The newly elected officers were installed on Saturday night last by W. Bro. Dr. Meldrum, Past Master. Bro. Boyd will also represent Nilesdown Lodge at the Grand Lodge meeting.

Mt. Ex. Comp. W. G. Reid, Grand Z., and Rt. Ex. Comp. W. Kennedy, G. S., of Wilson District, paid Ezra Chapter at Simcoe an official visit on Thursday night last. The installation of officers in Lorne Lodge, A. F. & A. M., Glencoe, took place on June 24th. W. Bro. J. French being re-elected Master, did not require to be installed, but the following were duly invested with the duties of their respective offices by W. Bro. J. French, assisted by W. Bro. J. E. Steele, I. P. M.:—Bro. J. E. Laughlin, S. W.; Bro. A. McTaggart, J. W.; W. Bro. Rev. Geo. Elliot, Chap.; Bro. J. Y. Foster, Treas.; Bro. Edwin Gale, Sec.; Bro. Jas. Harris, I. W.; W. Bro. W. G. Rogers, Tyler; Bro. W. H. Lish, S. D.; Bro. D. McCallum, J. D.; Bro. J. Walker, M. D. J. S.; Bro. J. Huston, S. S.; Bro. R. F. Howard, D. of C. Em. Sir Knight A. H. Clark, of Windsor, Provincial Prior of London District No. 1, paid an official visit to Burleigh Precinctory, No. 21, K. T. & K. M. St. Thomas, Monday evening. He was accompanied by Rt. Em. Sir Knight G. L. Carley, Past P. of District No. 1, and Em. Sir Knight A. M. Stewart, E. P., of Windsor Precinctory No. 26, K. T. & K. M., and several other prominent officials of that precinctory. The Red Cross degree was exemplified by the visiting Sir Knights, after which the members of Burleigh Precinctory, No. 21, in the way of a banquet in the ante-room.

On the evening of the 26th ult., R. W. Bro. J. C. Hegler installed the following officers in Thistle Lodge, Embury, W. M., W. J. Geddes; S. W. Dr. R. H. Green; J. W. R. A. Geddes; Chaplain, Columbus Ross; Treasurer, Andrew Bain; Secretary, J. G. Anderson; Tyler, J. E. McDonald; Deacons B. J. Smith and Jas. Swanson. After installation ceremonies, which were made most impressive and instructive by D. D. G. M. Hegler, Past Master R. A. Duncan was presented with a Past Master's Jewel.

The following officers were installed by W. Bro. J. S. Fraser, P. M., of Lodge No. 44, St. Thomas, assisted by W. Bros. G. E. Norman, Dr. F. Guest and N. McCall, P. M.'s of Warren Lodge, Piquette, I. P. M., G. E. Norman, W. M., F. R. Elise, S. W., C. E. Edmunds; J. W. A. McDougall; Treasurer, N. S. McCall; Secretary, L. Elise; Chaplain, N. Campbell; S. D., Dr. F. Guest; J. D. C. Glasgow; S. G., James Ball; Tyler, James Miller; S. L., D. Cameron; J. S. T. McCollum; delegate to Grand Lodge, Dr. F. Guest. After the installation a vote of thanks was tendered the installing officer, Dr. Fraser, of St. Thomas, for the efficient manner in which the work was performed, to which he replied in a neat speech. The most pleasant part of the evening was a presentation to the Tyler, Mr. Jas. Miller, of a beautiful rocker. The presentation was made by Dr. Guest. The last, but not least, was a beautiful P. M.'s Jewel presented to P. M., Dr. F. Guest, from his lodge, by J. S. Fraser, P. M., of St. Thomas to which the doctor replied and thanked the brethren most heartily. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren retired to the dining room, where a splendid lunch was served by the members of Warren Lodge, after which songs and speeches were the order of the evening, concluding by singing "Auld Lang Syne."

BEAT ALL PREVIOUS RECORDS.
Glasgow, June 30.—The Clyde ship-building firm for the half year just ending beat all previous records. They show that 125 vessels were launched, representing an aggregate tonnage of 234,877. No fresh orders were placed this month, but there is six months' work at full time on hand.

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At the weekly High Court yesterday afternoon, Mr. Justice Falconbridge heard the motions which were made on the docket when the court adjourned for lunch at 2 o'clock. Re Thomas Caldwell—Motion for the construction of a will. Transferred to Toronto. Buchner for the motion, Weid contra. Hodgens vs. Dorsey—Motion on behalf of the plaintiff for a speedy judgment for possession of lands. Reserved. A. B. Cox for the motion, J. C. Judd contra. Re Paton—Application by the father, a civil servant, for possession of his children now in the care of the mother. Transferred to Toronto. McDonald for the application, McDonald (Ingersoll) contra.

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Referring to a recent meeting at Toronto, the News of the Week just past have presented a spectacle of great interest to the city of Toronto. But this interest is not confined to Toronto alone; it spreads throughout all of Canada, the United States, Great Britain, Europe, Australia, South Africa, Asia and the isles of the sea.

The occasion of this interest was the gathering together in the city of the Viavi representatives from all over Canada. Mrs. L. Stein, the London representative, was conspicuous in the large assembly of Dominion representatives. Dr. Hartland Law, the founder of the celebrated Viavi system, was in Toronto at this time, and in addition to delivering a series of lectures on "The Troubles Peculiar to Women," was conducting this convention. The object of this meeting was for the workers to meet with Dr. Law, to learn more fully the best methods for advancing the "Cause of Humanity," in which they have enlisted their sympathies, and to study the principles of fraternity which unite them, one and all, together in this great work.

The Viavi work is an education for both women and men. It begins at the foundation of the world—the home, and it begins its work for the future by explaining the needs of to-day. As the home is the foundation of the world, so the mother is the cornerstone of the home. A mother should prove a blessing to her children, a companion for her husband, and a joy to her friends. True happiness cannot exist where the nerves of the one who should make the home happy are racked by disease, or where the physical powers of the one who should care for her children are weakened by suffering. To relieve suffering is the aim of the Viavi workers, and they try to relieve this suffering by teaching the mother how to care for herself so that she may prevent these troubles, which seem doomed to endure, or if afflicted, to show her how to overcome them.

These are the ideas which the Viavi workers are spreading broadcast throughout the world. Knowledge is power—knowledge is safety, and when a woman knows her trouble, and understands how that trouble comes about, she is able to understand the natural method of cure, and distinguish Nature's laws from professional fancies. The Viavi workers throughout the world are preparing themselves, so that they may teach mothers and daughters how to regain their health, and how to keep it. Spiritual and mental power are governed to a wonderful extent by the physical life of the human being, and if that physical life is not perfect, the spiritual and mental side of human being must necessarily suffer. And as children must take the physical and mental characteristics of the mother, it is a tragedy which every child is entitled, that they be well born. It is a crime to bring into this world a child who is born with physical and mental anguish—yes, a far greater crime than to cause such suffering after the child is grown up, so that they can protect themselves.

The ideas and instructions presented to this convention by Dr. Law have been listened to by enthusiastic representatives, and in many instances they have been moved to tears. A further address was also given by Mrs. Egbert, of Ontario, touching the standard of Viavi work, and the bonds of sympathy which bind these workers together. The subject of a large section of territory in the United States, where she is doing a wonderful amount of good. A paper on the Viavi worker was also presented by Mrs. H. A. Cooper, who is now managing a branch at the management in Hamilton. Miss Martha Smith, of Toronto, gave a most interesting address on the subject of "Physical Success in the Viavi Work." Her two principal points were "Conviction" and "High Aim." The other speakers at this convention were Miss Edith Adams, of Halifax, Nova Scotia, and Mrs. D. W. Marsh, of Chicago, proprietors of the Eastern Division of the United States; Miss Miss Glassford, who is watching over Viavi interests in Great Britain and Europe; and also messages from California, and even far-away Australia. All over the world, at this time, are these Viavi conventions being held. The subject being "Higher Physical Development of Woman." The convention here was managed by the Canadian branch of the Viavi Company. With such an enthusiastic, intelligent band of workers as there is under the Viavi Company in the Dominion, there is no need to look further for the reason of the wonderful progress this cause has made. Headquarters for the Viavi work, 547 Talbot street—Mrs. L. Stein, manager.

DISTRICT NEWS.

"It is reported that Rev. Dr. Jackson, of Cleveland, formerly of Galt, is an applicant for the pastorate of Stanley St. Presbyterian Church, Ayr, and that he will preach for a call in the course of a few weeks."

"The many Aylmer friends of Mr. H. P. D. Evans, of Owen Sound, formerly of the Molsons Bank, there, will be pleased to learn that he has been promoted to the management of the branch of the Molsons Bank at Chertville, near Montreal."

"At the Kent County Court Thursday the case of Taylor & Williamson vs. Rachel Smith was finished before His Honor Judge Bell, and judgment was given in full with costs to plaintiff. Toby McKee and Jos. Wilson, committed for trial from Tilbury for burglary, were given a month each in jail."

"At high noon on Thursday in Trinity Church, Mitchell, was celebrated the wedding of S. Strachan, of the Belmont Times, and Miss B. Britton of Mitchell. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. W. Britton, of St. Catharines, a brother of the bride, assisted by Rev. J. T. Kerrin, rector of Trinity Church, Mitchell. The wedding bride was attired in a train of cashmere with pearl trimmings, and carried a bouquet of cream roses, and was supported by Miss Elta Smith of Mitchell, who was very pretty in a white organdie over pink satin. T. McCord, a Knox College student, supported the groom."

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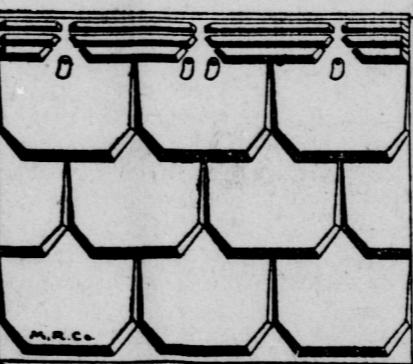
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