

The M. W. Grand Master has authorized the issuing of Dispensations for the establishment of the following new lodges, viz.:—

At Bobcaygeon, Ont., to be named "Verulam" Lodge, with Bro. Major John Kennedy, W. Master; Bro. Edward Smythe Hall, Senior Warden; and Bro. Joseph William Fitzgerald, Junior Warden. The regular meetings are held on the first Monday of every month.

At Brougham, Ont., to be named "Brougham Union" Lodge, with W. Bro. John P. Campbell, W. Master; Bro. D. W. Ferrier, M. D., Senior Warden; and Bro. Charles Churchill, Junior Warden. The regular night of meeting is on the Wednesday immediately after the full moon of every month.

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➡ R. W. Bro. John Kerr, D. D. G. Master for the St. Lawrence District, accompanied by some Brethren from Kingston, paid an official visit on the 14th of February to the Macoy Lodge, No. 242, Boscott Front, dedicated their new Lodge Room, and installed and invested the officers of the Lodge. Also on the 15th of February, accompanied by M. W. Bro. W. B. Simpson and others, on which occasion he dedicated and consecrated the handsome new Hall of the Leeds Lodge, No. 201, Gananoque, and installed and invested the officers for the ensuing year.—On both these occasions the D. D. G. M. and visitors were sumptuously entertained by their Brethren, and the festivities were greatly enlivened by the presence of a large number of the fair sex who, although they cannot be made masons, delight in giving countenance to an order having virtue for its aim and the glory of T. G. A. O. T. U. for its grand object.

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HANDSOME CONTRIBUTION.—The Brethren of the Wellington District, Ontario, who have been contributors to the fund which was lately forwarded by the R. W. Bro. A. B. Petrie, D. D. G. M., to the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, will be pleased to learn that he has acknowledged the receipt of \$754, the amount of their donation, to be applied for the relief of the suffering Brethren and their families rendered destitute by the late calamitous fire in the city of Chicago. The M. W. Grand Master, on behalf of these sufferers, desires his grateful and marked personal esteem to be conveyed to all the worthy donors for this generous gift. He states that their good deeds have been recorded in their books, and promises that their bounty will be faithfully applied.

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## NEW GRAND LODGES.

### BRITISH COLUMBIA.

We learn by a circular issued from the Grand Secretary's Office, Victoria, British Columbia, that on the 26th of November, last, the Representatives of the Lodges working under warrants from the united Grand Lodge of England and the Grand Lodge of Scotland, met at the Masonic Hall, in the city of Victoria, B. C.; and united in forming the Grand Lodge A. F. and A. M. of British Columbia, and that the said