

deprecate the granting of a dispensation for any Body other than a Lodge of Perfection in any place, and when this has proved a success, a Chapter might be added, but I am convinced that thoroughly equipped, well officered, and well worked Lodges of Perfection are the only sure guarantee for the success of this Rite, and when this Body is properly and efficiently worked, there need be no fear that its members will not seek further light by advancement to the higher degrees. I think, moreover, we are not doing justice to the Rite or the Craft, if we unnecessarily withhold its extension and thereby deprive good brethren of the benefits which we believe this Rite confers.

VANCOUVER.

In accordance with the decision arrived at last session, efforts were made to send Ill. Bro. C. N. BELL, Deputy for Manitoba—who expected to have been called to the Pacific Coast—to establish a Lodge of Perfection at Vancouver, but as it turned out, Bro. BELL was unable to go, and a further correspondence has been going on with the brethren there, and I am happy to report that steps are being taken now which, I think, will eventuate in the speedy establishment of this body under auspices which it is thought will guarantee its success.

The Rite generally in the various portions of our jurisdiction will, I think, be found, by the reports, to have prospered.

Winnipeg still continues to keep up its reputation for good and successful work. London has very materially advanced, as on a visit made there last November, I was exceedingly pleased to see a revival of interest in some of the old members and an extensive introduction of new material that will prove of much advantage in the future.

Hamilton keeps well up, and is steadily improving in every Body.

Toronto, with its splendid constituency and opportunities, is maintaining the high character of its membership and work reported and seen by us last year. The Bodies of the cities of Toronto and Hamilton have shown a commendable desire to promote harmony and brotherly love by the exchange of visitations of one Body with another the past year.

Ottawa, with the craft composed largely of intelligent members of the Civil Service, affords a good field for the operation of the Bodies there, and they are reported to be in a very high state of prosperity.

Montreal promises us to provide new and commodious quarters, and when such are secured we may look for a great expansion in this great city.

From St. John we hear that the revival spirit still keeps up, and everything connected with the Rite is progressing, and other places will, no doubt, show up well in the Reports of the Doings of Subordi-