

are employed as compositors on morning newspapers and are unable to attend the meetings. I understand a committee is at present engaged in trying to effect an amalgamation with Queen City Lodge, and I trust their efforts will prove successful, as I believe it will prove beneficial to both lodges should such a result be accomplished.

At a meeting of Past Chancellors held on April 26th, 1892, Bro. A. A. Alexander, of Toronto Lodge, No. 30, was nominated for the office of District Deputy for the ensuing year, and I have much pleasure in recommending his appointment.

All of which is respectfully submitted in F., C. and B.

THOMAS SOOLE,

D. D. G. C. of District No. 1.

Toronto, May 2nd, 1892.

F. J. FITZGERALD, ESQ., *Grand Chancellor of Ontario.*

Dear Sir and Bro.,—In obedience to law I beg leave to submit my report on the state of the Order in No. 2 District.

Steady progress has marked the efforts of the members of both lodges in this city during the past twelve months. The enthusiasm begotten of the early half of 1891 has been continued through the Pythian year just drawing to a close. The membership has been increased in both lodges, and a more active and intelligent interest taken in their affairs. Knights have vied with one another in gaining a thorough knowledge of the practical working of our institution, and animated discussions have been characteristic of not a few of our meetings.

There has been a successful effort made in both lodges to conduct their financial business on a more systematic basis, the outcome of which has been that the funds are now placed in regularly chartered commercial banks, drawing compound interest, with the added advantage and facility of paying all accounts by cheque.

Red Cross Lodge is in very fair shape at present, having a zealous staff of officers, a plentiful supply of candidates, and a firm determination to maintain the position No. 3 has so long held, that of the premier lodge of this jurisdiction. During the close of 1891 this lodge determined to discard its old Amplified outfit and procure one more in keeping with its financial standing—one that would more effectively exemplify the work and teaching of this instructive and interesting rank. Along with this was ordered a lantern and a set of slides for illustrating the lecture of the first rank. For the proficiency which has now been attained in the working of the Amplified Third, Red Cross is under

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