

prising and progressive increase of this Grand Body, which on its formation, in the year 1855, had only thirty-three Lodges under its jurisdiction, but now bears on its roll three hundred and forty, working with that earnest good will and fraternal feeling which should ever distinguish our Order. It is with commendable pride I mention that occupying prominent positions among those citizens of Guelph whose exertions have contributed to and advanced the prosperity of this city, and foremost among those who have extended the helping hand, irrespective of religion, politics and nationality, are many of our Brethren—the Freemasons of Guelph. On this our first visit let us wish them “a long continuance in well doing.”

My first official acts were signing the Charters for the following Lodges, which were authorized at the last Communication of Grand Lodge:—

Harmony Lodge, No. 370, at Delta, County of Leeds.

Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 371, at Ottawa, County of Carleton.

Palmer Lodge, No. 372, at Victoria, County of Welland.

Copstone Lodge, No. 373, at Welland, County of Welland.

Keene Lodge, No. 374, at Keene, County of Peterborough.

Lorne Lodge, No. 375, at Omeme, County of Victoria.

Unity Lodge, No. 376, Huntsville, Muskoka District.

Lorne Lodge, No. 377, at Shelburne, County of Grey.

King Solomon Lodge, No. 378, at Petersville, County of Middlesex.

Middlesex Lodge, No. 379, at Brynston, County of Middlesex.

Union Lodge, No. 380, at London, County of Middlesex.

Dispensations have been issued for the undermentioned Lodges, satisfactory evidence being first produced to me that a necessity existed for establishing Lodges in the respective localities, and that the several

brethren selected to fill the responsible office of Master are competent in the work:—

McColl Lodge, West Lorne, County of Elgin.

Doric Lodge, Hamilton, County of Wentworth.

Henderson Lodge, West Winchester, County of Dundas.

Lansdowne Lodge, Lansdowne, County of Leeds.

Alpha Lodge, Parkdale, County of York.

Spry Lodge, Beeton, County of Simcoe.

The Dispensation issued for Kinistino Lodge, at Prince Albert, Saskatchewan, N. W. Territories, has been continued, pursuant to the recommendation of Grand Lodge, until this Communication.

Gratitude is due to Him who holds in His hand the destinies of empires, and yet notes the fall of a sparrow, for the blessings of health and strength conferred on us during the past Masonic year. Death has, however, visited us, and I have to record the demise of two worthy officers of this Grand Lodge, R. W. Bro. John Turquand, of Woodstock, Past Grand Junior Warden, and V. W. Bro. Chas. Sharpe, of Guelph, Past Grand Director of Ceremonies.

Nothing has transpired to interrupt our amicable relations with foreign Grand Lodges, and the interchange of each other's proceedings affords great pleasure, and is a source of interest and valuable information.

I have appointed the following brethren as our representatives near foreign Grand Lodges:—M. W. Bro. J. S. Morrow, as the Representative near the Grand Lodge of Indian Territory; Ill. Bro. Belisario Conrado, as the Representative near the Grand Orient of Uruguay, in the place of Ill. Bro. Laurentio Ximenes, deceased; and W. Bro. Donald McKay, as our Representative near the Grand Lodge of Oregon; our former Representative, R. W. Bro. Alex. Watt,