

every member work likely to stop here as I know of several localities where new lodges will be organized in the near future.

range Associa- While the death rate for the year has not been unusually
of St. John large we have lost some of our most earnest workers, of whom
his address of the most prominent was Bro. W. H. Barton, our efficient
Grand Secretary. Though it was known for some time that
M., Bro. Barton was in failing health (he having been absent from
M., the special session in October last on account of illness) yet at
the last the news came with a sudden shock. Although not a
native of the Province, Bro. Barton had, during his residence
here, made many warm friends both in and out of the Society
who have heard of his early death with deep regret.

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During the last illness of the Grand Secretary, Bro. P. G.
M. Armstrong attended to his duties and after his death
kindly consented to fill the vacancy until after a successor has
been elected by this Right Worshipful body.

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brethren throughout the jurisdiction relative to the advisability of employing an organizer, but owing to the great variety of opinions expressed and the difficulty of arranging for a satisfactory mode of payment I was unable to see my way clear to make arrangements for the purpose. I would, however, suggest to the Grand Lodge that the employment of a competent person to organize new lodges and instruct the brethren of isolated lodges would be an excellent thing for the institution and would advise the appointment of a committee to consider the matter.

I regretted very much that professional engagements prevented my being present at the dedication of the New Orange Hall at Bathurst, but I sent a substitute in the person of Bro. Jas. M. McIntyre, D. G. C., whose presence on that occasion, I had the pleasure of learning, gave great satisfaction to the brethren and friends at Bathurst. The Orangemen at Bathurst are to be congratulated on the pluck and enterprise they have exhibited in building and equipping their beautiful and commodious hall, and by so doing have set an example that might well be followed by other populous places in which Orangeism had a strong foothold long before it was ever dreamed of at Bathurst. I am also proud to announce that Steeves Lodge, at Lutz Mountain, Westmoreland Co., have erected and are now occupying a hall, clear of debt.

The anniversary of the Battle of the Boyne was duly ob-