

RICHARD HOLMES, of the Township of Kitley, near Brockville, was 100 years old on Tuesday, and has been seventy years a Freemason. His faculties are yet unimpaired.

THE Masonic fraternity and citizens of Victoria Road, Victoria Co., Ont., and vicinity intend celebrating the Queen's Jubilee, and in connection therewith holding a grand Masonic picnic and concert on or about June 10th, 1887. No effort will be spared to make it the event of the season. The concert will be held in the new Masonic Hall, which will be ready for occupation at that time.

THE contract for the new Masonic Temple in Petrolia has been let to Messrs. J. & J. Kerr. Work will be commenced at once, and pushed forward to completion as soon as possible. The tender is for \$14,300, exclusive of heating apparatus. The building will be three storeys high, with the first flat devoted to stores, the second to offices, and the third to the purposes of the Masonic Order.

EXCURSION TO THE SANDWICH ISLANDS.—A party of excursionists, consisting of Freemasons and their families, are preparing to visit the Sandwich Islands this spring. They expect to be gone about five or six weeks. The scheme seems to have originated in Sacramento, though the party will include Grand Master Atkinson and family, all other Grand officers and many prominent members of the Order scattered over the State. King Kalakaua is himself a member of the Order, and it is believed that he will take great pleasure in extending a cordial welcome to the visitors. A splendid time is anticipated and there is no apparent reason why it should not be realized.—*Calif. Record.*

BATTLEFORD.—Following are the officers of Battle Lodge, No. 98, G. R. M., recently started at Battleford; N. W. T.:—W. Bro. Sykes, I. P. M.; W. Bro. White-Fraser, W. M.; Bros G. Applegarth, S. W.; Richardson, J. W.; James Cluckskill, Treas.; M. Clunghan, Sec.; Clarke, Chap.; Gisborne, Organist; Clink, S. D.; Breardon, J. D.; Pritchard, I. G.; Hardy, Tyler.

WARWORTH.—Officers of Percy Lodge, No. 161, G. R. C., installed by W. Bro. G. L. Duncan:—W. Bro. Dr. Mallory, M. P., I. P. M.; W. Bro. G. L. Duncan, W. M.; Bros James Banta, S. W.; David Ewing, J. W.; W. T. Wiggins, Treas.; Robert McPherson, Sec.; Chas Fisher, Chap.; F. Davidson, S. D.; F. G. Smith, J. D.; D. Glover, S. S.; E. Dibble, J. S.; E. Kemp, I. G.; E. Outram, Tyler; Wm. Bensley, D. of C.

M. W. BRO. THOS. DAVIDSON, Grand Master of Delaware, says in regard to delinquents,—

"I find that some of the lodges are carrying a large number of delinquents on their books. Every brother who is able to pay his dues should be made to do so, unless there is a satisfactory reason given for the failure. Those who are unable to pay should have their dues remitted. The lodge is thus saved the payment of the capitation tax to the Grand Lodge, as our laws provide. I think, by an effort on the part of officers of lodges, a great many of the delinquencies could be removed from the books, and lodges placed in a better financial condition than they are at present."

This is a wise provision in the constitution, which we would recommend to the attention of the Grand Lodge of Canada, that when a Lodge remits the dues of a Brother in arrears, the Grand Lodge should also remit its fees. As our Constitution stands at present the Lodge has to pay the fees to Grand Lodge of an indigent brother, as well as those of contributing members.