

QUEBEC.

Montreal, 10th Feb., 1875.

DEAR SIR AND BRO.,—I send you an account of the 1st anniversary of our Lodge, (Duke of Edinburgh,) clipped from yesterday's *Star*, and which if inserted in your journal, might interest your readers. I may state that the progress of our Lodge has been both steady and of the best material; we hope that when our second anniversary rolls round, our number will be double what it now is; every effort is being exerted to make it a lodge which will be a power, not only in this part of the Dominion, but on the Continent of America.

The order in general in this city is progressing most favorably. We expect to send off a petition to the Grand Sire this week to establish a Grand Lodge in the Province of Quebec, and I have no doubt but that our petition will be sustained.

This month we expect to have a visit from Past Grand Sire Stuart, and each of our lodges has appointed a committee to take into consideration and decide upon some suitable mode of giving him a reception.

I hope your journal is meeting with success; and as I believe in supporting "home productions," I wish you to send me a copy for one year.

Yours, respectfully.

R. W. WILSON, P. G.

Last night the members of the "Duke of Edinburgh" Lodge, No. 4, I. O. O. F., celebrated the anniversary of the formation of their lodge by giving a soiree in the Alexandra Rooms, St. Catherine street. Quite a large number of ladies and gentlemen responded to the invitations, and altogether a very pleasant evening was enjoyed.

The Chairman, Mr. McKinnon, delivered a short address, eulogistic of the Order and giving statistics showing satisfactory progress both in Canada and the States. The first part of the programme consisted of vocal and instrumental music, and readings—one of the latter, "Mrs. Mallony's encounter with a Heathen Chinneezer," was very humorous, and given in a manner that would have done credit to a professional.

The musical and literary portion of the programme being concluded, the ladies

threw of their dainty little cloaks, &c., and what was before a select concert audience became a gay throng, all ready for the mazy dance. We noticed many very pretty toilettes and lots of prettier faces; everybody looked happy, and from the opening quadrille to the closing waltz—the twentieth dance—the ball-room presented a most animated appearance. The programme was concluded about three o'clock, and the general opinion was that the "Duke of Edinburgh" Lodge had celebrated its establishment very nicely.—*Montreal Star*, Feb. 9.

LOWER PROVINCES, B. N. A.

ST. JOHN, N. B.

"The Sisters of Charity beg to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of fifty dollars from Messrs. Murdoch and Hughes, a donation in aid of the Orphan Asylum from Pioneer Lodge, No. 9, I. O. O. F."—*St. John Globe*, Feb. 8.

There are persons still living who rail against all secret societies, so called, and denounce them as sectarian and dangerous. We would call their attention to the above, and hope they will take the trouble thoroughly to understand the principles and aims of the Institution before condemning it.—*Charlottetown Patriot*.

PICTOU, N. S.

The following officers were duly installed in Stuart Encampment, No. 10, by dispensation from D. G. S. Barnes, on Monday evening, January 25:

John Pringle, C.P.; G. P. Fraser, H.P.; E. Tupper, S.W.; J. Yorston, J.W.; R. Hockin, Scribe; I. A. Grant, Treas.; W. Harris, S.

Norton Lodge, of New Glasgow, paid a friendly visit to Eastern Star Lodge, Pictou, a few weeks since.

MASSACHUSETTS.

The Grand Lodge of the State met on the 4th February, in Odd-Fellows' Hall, on Tremont street. G. Master Julius L. Clark in the chair. This being the semi-annual session no election of officers occurred. Some five hundred delegates were in attendance; about one hundred new members being admitted and instructed.

The report of the Grand Master showed some interesting statistical facts. The present number of Lodges within the jur-