

emphized the amplified third in grand style. After the lodge closed the visiting brethren were given an elegant banquet. Addresses were delivered by the Grand Chancellor, Sup. Rep. King, and several Knights from Toronto, and local members. This meeting appeared to have enthused new life into the members of Galt Lodge, and all expressed themselves as desirous of furthering the interest of our Order in their town. Since this occasion the lodge called a meeting of its members to consider the advisability of surrendering their charter. I was asked to be present at this meeting, and was there. I advised them not to entertain surrendering their charter for the present; that I would return again and remain a day or two, and with the assistance of the members we would see what could be done to secure new applicants. I did so, and in our canvass we were successful in securing seven applications. If the members of Galt Lodge were as enthusiastic as W. D. Card, the immediate P.C., and their D.G.C. A. F. Robb, the lodge would increase in membership.

On visiting Oil Springs I found Oil Springs Lodge, No. 34, completely defunct, and no possible means to resuscitate it. This lodge had exceptional fine supplies and paraphernalia. These I packed up and the same have been distributed between some of the new lodges lately instituted. I also received from the M. of E., \$30.06, which amount was the balance in the treasury. A record of the paraphernalia and cash I handed over to Bro. Mitchell, G.K.R.S.

On visiting Georgetown I found Native Valley Lodge, No. 27, impossible to resuscitate. I packed up what supplies they had (which was not of much value), and received from the M. of E. \$10.63. This amount, less the express and cartage charges, together with the supplies I handed over to Bro. Mitchell.

On visiting Wingham, I found Sicily Lodge, No. 32, completely defunct and impossible to reinstate the members. I packed up what supplies they had, and gave an account of the same to Bro. Mitchell, G.K.R.S. These supplies have been distributed between some of the new lodges. No funds in the treasury.

In organizing Trafalgar Lodge, No. 43, at Guelph, I spent considerable time. Never in my experience in society work have I met with such difficulty in organizing a lodge. I felt as though we must have a lodge in the Royal City of Guelph, and learning that two or three attempts some years previously had been made, without success, I was determined to leave no stone unturned till a lodge of our Order was instituted in that city. After visiting Guelph several times, I made the acquaintance of many of the professional and business men of the city. Our Order now began to be talked about. I secured a hall and invited the citizens to a public meeting to hear addresses on Pythianism. At my request, Bro. Dr. J. S. King came specially to the meeting and delivered a powerful and impressive address on the origin, aims and objects of our Order. While it took me apparently an unreasonable time to organize this lodge, yet nothing short of that determination and perseverance would have succeeded; and now we have a membership in Trafalgar Lodge, No. 43, that does our