

high honor to be selected as worthy of a seat among them, yet its members soon discover that high positions are generally accompanied with important duties and great additional responsibilities. The patient and unwearying attention given by them to minute and frequently tedious details, the constant sacrifice of their own private interests for the common good, (for in addition to their labors at Grand Lodge, the heaviest portion of their duties is performed between the annual meetings), and the careful and laborious discussion which precedes all their decisions, must be understood and known before they can be fully appreciated. And when we consider also that these brethren cheerfully devote their time and talents, without remuneration of any kind, simply from a love of the Order, surely I cannot err in claiming for them not only your cordial countenance and support, but also your most grateful and hearty acknowledgements.

LODGES UNDER DISPENSATION.

Since our last annual meeting I have granted Dispensations for fourteen new Lodges, which are named and situated as follows:

Oriental	Port Burwell	25th July, 1866.
Petrolia	Petrolia	9th Aug., "
Tuscan	Levis	1st Oct., "
Prince Albert	Prince Albert	4th Dec., "
Old Light	Lucknow	19th Jan., 1867.
Enniskillen	York	21st Jan., "
Plantagenet	Plantagenet	19th Feb., "
Royal Canadian	Sweetsburgh	20th Feb., "
Ascot	Lennoxville	6th March, "
Filius Vidue	Adolphustown	6th March, "
Belmont	Belmont	8th April, "
Ashlar	Coaticook	21st May, "
Orillia	Orillia	12th June, "
Scotland	Scotland	27th June, "

As each of these applications were accompanied by the necessary certificates and vouchers required by our regulations, I have now much pleasure in recommending that a regular warrant of constitution be issued to them respectively, in lieu of the temporary authority granted by my Dispensations.

MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE.

During the past year I have been called upon officially to decide various questions of Masonic Law, but as none of them possess any peculiar interest or importance, I consider it unnecessary to bring them before you at present. A serious difficulty occurred in one of our Subordinate Lodges, in which several Worshipful Brethren became unfortunately involved, but as this matter has all been happily and satisfactorily arranged, and the lawful authority of this Grand Lodge properly vindicated, I have no desire to give it undue prominence, or to refer further to a matter which occasioned me much pain and anxiety at the time. All the documents, however, connected with this and similar matters are in the possession of the Grand Secretary, and can be referred to if necessary.

THE GRAND SECRETARY.

At the last meeting of this Grand Lodge it was determined that an *Honorary Jewel* should be prepared and presented to our Grand Secretary. This I find has been neglected, but no time will now be lost in giving effect to your wishes, although at the same

time I would venture to suggest for your consideration whether twelve years of valuable and faithful service might not be more substantially and appropriately acknowledged, than by a mere jewel of office, which, although valuable as a proof of your appreciation and regard, is otherwise of but little use to the recipient.

BOSTON.

I was honored by an invitation from the M. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts to be present at the dedication of their Masonic Temple at Boston, on the 24th of June last, and I much regret that circumstances prevented me from accepting the invitation, and from meeting the large and brilliant assemblage of Masons upon that very interesting occasion. His Excellency, W. Bro. Andrew Johnson, the President of the United States, with the leading members of the Fraternity in that Republic, and upwards of ten thousand Masons participated in the solemn and imposing ceremonies of dedication. We congratulate the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts upon the successful completion of their superb edifice, and also upon the great success which has thus crowned their labors. We, as Masons, enter as fully, and participate as heartily in the joyous emotions excited by the occurrence of important events of this kind, as if they had taken place in our own midst and in our own dominion, for Masonry knows neither country nor language; and although (as the Reverend and eloquent orator said on the occasion referred to) we may be men of different nationalities, men of diverse views in philosophy, men of widely varying types of religious faith, and men of diametrically opposite political sentiments, yet we have been brought into harmonious and abiding social relations by the powerful and controlling influence of the compass and square.

DISTRESS IN GEORGIA.

I regret to announce to Grand Lodge that much distress still prevails among our brethren in the Southern States, and startling accounts of misery and want suffered by the widows and orphans of Masons in the State of Georgia have been forwarded to the Craft in Canada and elsewhere. Our Lodges in many instances promptly responded to this appeal, and I would gladly at that time have been the donor of your bounty, but found upon enquiry that no funds either for charitable or other purposes are now left subject to the order of your Grand Master. I heartily commend this subject to your most favorable consideration, and hope that if this distress and want has not already been relieved by a bountiful harvest, no time will be lost in forwarding substantial evidence of your sympathy to the suffering widows and orphans of Georgia.

M. FURNELL, ESQ.

It is also my painful duty to inform you of the death of Michael Furnell, Esq., the representative of our Grand Lodge at the Grand Lodge of Ireland. By the death of this distinguished brother, we have lost a warm friend, and our Order a most worthy Craftsman; his loss will be sincerely regretted by every member of the Fraternity in Canada.

I had much pleasure in appointing R. W. Bro. James Vokes Mackey, of Dublin, as our representative near the Grand Lodge of Ireland, with the