

surviving long as a Lodge, but towards the close of the term he forwarded a most encouraging report.

I have met thrice with Union Lodge, No. 16, in an official capacity. I installed the officers of both terms, and also paid an official visit in June last. It would be unbecoming in me to eulogise my parent Lodge, I may, however, be pardoned for the just pride that I cherish in hailing from one so honored and revered by all for her steadfast adherence to the principles of the Order. She is now as she has ever been—faithful and true.

6.—I regret to report that Long Point Lodge has been compelled to surrender her Charter. In a letter from Bro R. Thoroughgood, he deploras that such is the case, giving as a reason for their discontinuing to work, a lack of interest, and irregular attendance of the members. He enclosed me \$2.00 as per centage due Grand Lodge up to the time that the Lodge became defunct, and informed me that the Charter, W. Books, and a quantity of blank forms were in his hands, I instructed him to forward them to D. D. G. M. Lauterbach, in trust for Grand Lodge. This request has been complied with.

I have been supplied through the same source with a list of brothers names who are entitled to Cards of Clearance from the time Long Point Lodge became defunct. I would most respectfully recommend that said Cards be issued by authority of this R. W. G. Lodge, to the following brothers, viz:—Geo. Weatherly, John Wilson, Thomas Simpson, Geo. F. Counter, John Reid, George Werrett, Chas Damyon, Thos. Robertslaw, John S. Austin, Duncan M. Wilson, and Reuben Thoroughgood. I have to commend those brothers for their fidelity to their pledge of honor.

Imperial Lodge, No. 37, has also ceased to exist. I am in receipt of communications from Bros. Smith Mathews, H. O. Forsyth and others, tendering their effects and funds to Grand Lodge, with the view of joining Gore Lodge, No. 34, Brantford.

7.—During the early part of January I received a communication through the R. W. G. Secretary, from five Scarlet members, praying for a Warrant to open a Lodge, under the name and title of Mount Zion Lodge, No. 46, in the Village of Newbury, C. W. I issued said Warrant and commissioned the proper officer of that jurisdiction to institute said Lodge. He having declined, I instructed the R. W. Grand Secretary to proceed and perform that duty. He accepted the trust, and carried out the same on the 18th of January, in company with Grand Warden Beltz, D. D. G. M. R. Kirkpatrick, P. G. Anderson Chapman, and M. Dawson. The R. W. Grand Secretary informs me that since their institution he has paid them several visits, and that they are making daily improvement both in knowledge of the work and in point of membership.

8.—When I accepted the office of Grand Master at your hands, I did so under the impression that, selecting my own time, I could accom-