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The next meeting of Grand Lodge will be held in Victoria.

LECTURE ON FREEMASONRY.

The evening service, on Sunday, July 8th, at the Episcopal Church, Donald, was attended by the members of Mountain Lodge No. 11, A.F. & A.M., in a body and in regalia. After the usual church exercises, Canon Cooper of Kamloops delivered a short but instructive lecture on Masonry, and what it is and is not as an organization. Mr. Cooper is an agreeable, forcible speaker, and was listened to by quite a number of persons who are neither Masons nor church members—all being interestingly instructed.

Grand Lodge of Canada.

THE ANNUAL COMMUNICATION.

The thirty-third annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Canada, in the Province of Ontario, was opened in Ample form by M. W. Bro. Henry Robertson, G.M., in the Opera House, Toronto, July 18th. The attendance was unusually large, about eighty Grand and Past-Grand Officers occupying seats on the platform with the Grand Master, while the body of the Opera House was comfortably filled. Before the lodge was opened W. Bro. Mayor Clarke and a delegation from the City Council entered the Opera House, and on behalf of the City welcomed Grand Lodge to the Queen city of the West. At the conclusion of the opening proceedings R. W. Bro. E. T. Malone, D.D.G.M., Toronto District, accompanied by the W. M's of the city lodges, presented the Grand Master with a handsomely illuminated address, congratulating him upon his occupancy of the Grand East and the condition of the Craft under his control, and welcoming Grand Lodge to Toronto. The Grand Master appropriately responded to the addresses, and then proceeded to read his annual address.

After expressing thankfulness to the Supreme Ruler for again being permitted to assemble, reference was made to the manner in which business should be proceeded with, so that the Craft should be advanced and its future well-being more firmly established. The functions of Grand Lodge were then alluded to, and the brethren urged to greater earnestness in

perpetuating and improving our glorious fraternity. Fitting tributes were paid to the memories of Past Grand Masters Hon. Thomas White and James Seymour and several other brethren, who died during the year.

The Grand Master then alluded to the condition of the Craft in our jurisdiction as follows:—"Once more it is my pleasing duty to congratulate the members of Grand Lodge upon the continued harmony and prosperity of the Craft in this jurisdiction. The lodges are, in general, working well, and we have no cause to complain of their want of efficiency. There is a marked improvement in the rendering of our beautiful ritual, consequent upon the measures adopted last year for securing greater uniformity, and I look for a still further advancement in this direction in the future. The numerous Lodges of Instruction held during the year have been well attended, and have been productive of great benefit. More attention, however, should be paid to matters outside the ritual; and I have, on every opportunity, endeavored to induce the brethren to make themselves better acquainted with the history of our Order and the exceeding beauty of its symbolism. These are matters which will well repay the most careful investigation and study, and the Masonic enquirer will find a rich fund of entertaining and valuable information in all that relates to our ancient customs and usages."

Dispensations were granted during the year, the Grand Master said, for the formation of the following lodges: Nipissing Lodge, at North Bay, Nipissing District, Scott Lodge, at Grand Valley, Dufferin County, and Star of the East Lodge, at Bothwell, Kent County. The dispensations for the lodges at Maxwell and Point Edward were continued. Dispensations were refused for the formation of lodges at Bridgetown, Barbadoes, in the West Indies, and at Toronto Junction.

The Grand Master stated that the following amalgamations had taken place with his assent:—At Napanee, Union Lodge, No. 9, and Mount Sinai Lodge, No. 280; at Colborne, Colborne Lodge, No. 91, and Excelsior Lodge, No. 353; at Orillia, Orillia Lodge, No. 192, and Thorne Lodge, No. 281. Hastings Lodge, No. 150, surrendered its warrant.

After referring to especial communications held during the year for public purposes, such as laying corner stones, and for consecrating and dedicating lodges,