

Stevens, G. J. D., and others. The party left the next day by the steamer *Lady Head* for "Owl's Head" mountain. Upon reaching their destination the brethren ascended to the top of the mountain, where a Lodge of F. and A. M. was convened, R. W. Bro. E. Johnson, W. M., of Golden Rule, No. 5, presiding. After the Lodge had concluded its sitting the brethren partook of the refreshments provided by the ladies of Stanstead, Newport, Derby Line, &c. The Montrealers returned to town on the morning of the 25th.

Ottawa Items.

Except the usual midsummer installations there is here little to chronicle in matters affecting the Masonic world. Particulars of these have already been sent you, except Builder's Lodge, which are as follows:—

W.M., W. Bro. John Orr; S.W., Bro. W. Cherry; J.W., Bro. J. C. Kearns; Treas., W. Bro. Butterworth; Sec'y, Bro. E. Daubney; S.D., Bro. D. Taylor; J.D., Bro. A. Scott; D. of C., Bro. H. Cairns; Stewards, Bros. G. H. Preston and R. Graham; I.G., Bro. J. Robertson; Tyler, Bro. J. McCarthy. Board of General Purposes—Bro. Cherry, V. W. Bro. Kearns, Bro. Rea, W. Bro. D. Wilson, and Bro. E. Daubney.

The installations were, in the case of all the Lodges, made by R. W. Bro. W. Kerr, P.D.D.G.M., O. D. It is needless to say the work was done efficiently.

It will be noticed by our local brethren that the above list of officers shows that W. Bro. J. Orr again occupies the chair of Builder's Lodge. This is his "third term." However undesirable such a long abode eastward may be, under ordinary circumstances, I believe in this case it is a wise decision, and I heartily congratulate the Lodge on its decision, as well as W. Bro. Orr for the more than able manner in which he has

administered affairs, and brought his Lodge through trouble enough to deter an ordinary worker from even attempting. Through his exertions, however, willingly and ably aided by his Craftsmen and officers, Builder's Lodge occupies to-day a vastly different and very much more satisfactory position than it did prior to W. Bro. Orr's Mastership. It is also pleasing to hear that such is likely to continue, and the Lodge regain that influence and *esprit de corps* for which it was once distinguished.

With reference to Fidelity Lodge, I omitted mentioning in my last letter a somewhat important change in the list of its officers for the current year, the name of V. W. Bro. Wm. Rea being absent for the first time since its constitution in 1870—nine years! This is a matter of regret, for Bro. Rea is a workman of no ordinary capacity, and one who has stuck to his Lodge through evil and good report. Indeed, his record is so unexceptionally good, and he is so well known and equally respected in this city, that I am sure the following particulars will be read with pleasure by all who know him, especially as it is understood that he virtually retires from active work. I find, then, that Bro. Rea was a charter member of Fidelity Lodge when it was formed under dispensation in May, 1870. In the following September a warrant was granted by Grand Lodge, and the first installation made by the then Grand Master, M. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson, Bro. D. S. Eastwood being W. M., and Bro. Rea among the first officers as J.D. Next year the subject of my remarks became S. D., and was promoted as under afterwards:—

June, 1872-3, elected J. W.
1873-4, " S.W.
1874-5, " W.M.
1875-6, re-elected W.M.
1876-7, elected Treasurer,
1877-8, " W.M.
1878-9, re-elected W.M.

It will thus be seen that W. Bro.