

the Lodges during the year, and on these occasions our meetings have been interesting and profitable.

I have granted two Dispensations for the celebration of St. John the Evangelist's Day.

I had much pleasure in recommending the petition of a number of brethren for a new Lodge at Scotland, County of Brant, to be called the "Scotland" Lodge, and the M. W. the Grand Master was pleased to grant a dispensation for the same. This Lodge has been opened under the mastership of Brother F. Mudge, a man thoroughly qualified in every respect as a mason and a man of business to take the management of a new Lodge, and I look for this Lodge becoming one of the first in the district. Bro. Mudge will attend Grand Lodge, and I trust a Warrant will be granted to this Lodge.

In concluding this report, I have to congratulate Grand Lodge on the general prosperity and harmony prevailing in the Lodges, no complaints having arisen but such as have been easily arranged amongst the brethren in the true spirit of the institution, and finally I would express my thanks to brethren of the different Lodges for their uniform kindness and regard manifest on every occasion.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

D. CURTIS,

D. D. G. M. Wilson District.

ONTARIO DISTRICT.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge of A. F. and A. Masons of Canada.

M. W. SIR AND BRETHREN :

I am happy to state that Masonry is steadily progressing in the Ontario District.

Having found from experience that it was impossible to visit all the Lodges in the District separately during the year, I called upon the W. Masters, the officers and brethren of the several Lodges to meet me at central points in order that I might illustrate the work and test the capabilities of those in authority in the subordinate Lodges. In this manner I have been able to meet all the Lodges in my district. I established during the year two lodges of instruction, one called the Western Lodge of Instruction of the Ontario District, composed of the W. Masters, the officers and brethren of the following Lodges:—

Composite Lodge, No. 30,	Whitby.
Jerusalem "	31, Bowmanville.
Mount Zion "	39, Brooklyn
Durham, "	66, Newcastle.
Lebanon "	139, Oshawa.
Prince Albert "	U.D., Prince Albert.

Presided over by V. W. Bro. Wm. McCabe, P. G. S. The other called the Northern Lodge of Instruction of the Ontario District, composed of the W. Masters, the officers and brethren of

Corinthian Lodge, No. 101,	Peterboro'.
Peterboro' "	155, Peterboro'.
J. B. Hall, "	145, Millbrook.

Presided over by V. W. Bro. John King, G. S.

I granted dispensations to the Lodges at Peterboro' to wear Regalia while attending divine service on the 27th December last, St. John the Evangelist's day.

A dispensation has been granted during the year by the M. W. the Grand Master for a Lodge at Prince Albert, in this district, called the Prince Albert Lodge. The Lodge is in good working order, and I trust that it will be confirmed by warrant.

I cannot close my report without referring to the invaluable services rendered to me by V. W. Bro. Wm. McCabe, P. G. S., to whose Masonic zeal and experience I am indebted for the great success which has attended the Western Lodge of Instruction.

I have to thank the officers and brethren of the Lodges within my District for the kindness and courtesy shewn to me upon all occasions, and it affords me much gratification to bear testimony to the harmony and good will that pervades the district at large.

I regret that my absence in England will prevent my being present at the meeting of Grand Lodge this year.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. H. WELLER,

D. D. G. M. Ontario District.

CANADIAN MASONIC ITEMS.

The members of Harington Lodge No. 49, of Quebec, on the evening of the 16th ult., presented jewels of office to Bros. H. P. Reid, Senior Warden, and A. Smithson, Secretary of the Lodge—both these officers belonging to the Royal Artillery at present in garrison there, but under orders for immediate departure to Malta.

A warrant of constitution has been granted on the petition of certain Royal Arch Masons, empowering them to meet as a regular Chapter at the town of Goderich, to be called the "Huron Chapter," the following companions having been elected as the first officers: Isaac Francis Toms, 1st Principal Z; James Sommerville, 2nd Principal H; and Robert Booth, 3rd Principal J. We wish the new Chapter a prosperous career.

At a recent emergency meeting of Prince of Wales Lodge No. 161, A. F. and A. M., Iona, presentations were made to John Cascaden, Esq., M. D., M.R.C.S., &c., &c., England, and to Daniel Decow, Esq. To Dr. Cascaden a handsome gold Past Master's breast jewel, worth \$40, was presented, together with a supper, in honor of his return from Europe. By the Lodge, at the same meeting, Wm. Chisholm, Esq., presented to Daniel Decow, Esq., a beautiful Masonic apron in morocco case.

As per dispensation granted, a special convocation of Ezra Chapter, Simcoe, was held on Wednesday evening 31st July, for the election of officers for the current year, the following being the result:

R. E. Comp.,	John Clark, M. D., 1st Principal Z.
V. E. Comp.,	Jno. Wilson, M.D., 2nd Principal H.
Ex-Comp.,	D. M. Walker, 3rd Principal J.
Comp. A. J.	Donly, Scribe E.
"	R. Thoroughgood, Scribe N.
"	W. P. Kelley, Principal Sojourner.
"	S. Gardner, Treasurer.
"	Jas. Fisher, Janitor.