

plained to them that upon the dispensation formerly issued being transmitted to the Grand Secretary, together with a return of the work done under it, a new dispensation would be issued in the limited terms prescribed by Grand Lodge. I was then, and repeatedly afterwards urged to ignore the action of Grand Lodge, and to issue a dispensation unqualified in the terms, but I invariably referred to the resolution which it was my duty to respect and enforce.

A return of the work done by "Eden Lodge" under dispensation was made, but the dispensation was not handed over, and upon my instructions the Grand Secretary applied to the W. M. for the same; such applications were, however, merely acknowledged and were never complied with.

On the 7th of February last I was again asked by Bro. Westlake for a dispensation, either general in its terms, or at all events extending its operations until this communication of Grand Lodge, in order that they might repeat their application for a warrant, but I explained to him that until my request for a return of the dispensation still retained by W. M. of "Eden Lodge," had been complied with, I could not entrust him with another, nor would I say in what terms this new dispensation should issue. This occurred on the day previous to the last meeting of the Board of General Purposes, when a report was adopted concerning certain action of the D. D. G. M. of the London District in respect of certain other matters. On the 10th of February the declaration of incorporation of "The Grand Lodge of Ontario" was made by "F. Westlake, John R. Peel, W. H. Street, J. F. Latimer, and W. W. Fitzgerald." When I became apprized of this declaration of incorporation, a copy whereof is herewith submitted, and as soon as it was communicated to me that the brethren therein named had been holding clandestine and unauthorized meetings under the pretended authority of the body constituted as above, in utter violation of their masonic obligations, and in defiance of the authority of this Grand Lodge, I forthwith issued an edict suspending those brethren and others who had met with them for the furtherance of their scheme, from all the rights, benefits and privileges of Freemasonry until this Grand Lodge should take action in respect of their misconduct, and prohibiting all our brethren from having masonic intercourse with them or with any brother recognizing the authority of this so-called "Grand Lodge of Ontario." A copy of such edict is herewith submitted. The brethren suspended under the operation of the same were:

Bro. Francis Westlake, of London, P. M. St. George's Lodge, No. 42.

Bro. John R. Peel, of London, P. M. Kilwinning Lodge, No. 64.

Bro. William H. Street, of London, M. M. Kilwinning Lodge No. 64.

Bro. James F. Latimer, of London, M. M. St. Mark's Lodge No. 94.

Bro. William W. Fitzgerald, of London, M. M. Kilwinning Lodge, No. 64.

Bro. David M. Bowman, of London, M. M. St. John's Lodge, No. 209A.

Bro. William D. McGloaghton, of London, P. M. Albion Lodge, No. 80.

Bro. Stillman P. Groat, of London, M. M. (late of) Durham Lodge, No. 66.

Bro. Charles A. Conover, of London, W. M. Kilwinning Lodge, No. 64.

Bro. John H. Ley, of London, M. M. Kilwinning Lodge, No. 64.

Subsequently, upon authentic information which I received, that they had participated in the seditious movement to subvert the authority of this Grand Lodge, I caused the following brethren also to be suspended in like manner from the rights, benefits and privileges of Freemasonry:

Bro. Peter Grant, of London, M. M. Kilwinning Lodge, No. 64.

Bro. William T. Edge, of London, M. M., Spartan Lodge, No. 176.

Bro. Geo. M. Beecher, of London, M. M., Kilwinning Lodge, No. 64.

Bro. Edward K. Slater, of London, M. M., Kilwinning Lodge, No. 64.

Bro. Joseph W. Jones, of London, M. M., Kilwinning Lodge, No. 64.

Bro. George Gray, of London, M. M., Kilwinning Lodge, No. 64.

Bro. George Wrigley, of London, M. M., St. John's Lodge, No. 20.

Bro. George Jackson, of London, M. M., (late of) St. John's Lodge, No. 20.

Bro. Alexander A. Boston, of London, M. M., Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 171.

Bro. William E. Smith, of St. Thomas, M. M., St. David's Lodge, No. 302.

Bro. G. W. H. Davis, of St. Thomas, M. M., Springfield Lodge, No. 259.

Bro. James D. McCosh, of Lucan, M. M., Irving Lodge, No. 154.

Bro. Donald J. McCosh, of Lucan, M. M., Irving Lodge, No. 154.

Bro. Thomas Hossack, of Lucan, M. M., St. John's Lodge, No. 68.

Bro. Samuel C. Hersey, of Lucan, M. M., King Hiram Lodge, No. 37.

Bro. Edward Mara, of Lucan, M. M., St. James Lodge, No. 73.

Bro. Lawrence Cohen, of Toronto, P. M., Antiquity Lodge, Montreal.

Bro. Mark Solomon, of Toronto, M. M., Wilson Lodge, No. 86.