

DEFUNCT LODGES.

I regret to say that upon accepting office I found several lodges in a semi-defunct condition, and notwithstanding all my efforts, aided by others, I have failed to revive some of them. Almont and Maple Lodges have both surrendered their charters; but the hope is held out that there is a sufficient remnant left in each of these places having an earnest love for the principles and teaching of our Order to resurrect them ere long.

DISPENSATIONS.

During the year I have granted the following dispensations:—

To Mystic, No. 1, Ivanhoe, No. 4, and Ontario, No. 25, to change place of meeting to their new hall, corner of Queen and Victoria Streets.

To Mizpah, No. 22, to change meeting night from Friday to Thursday, from 1st July to the 22nd November, 1889, and also to change place of meeting from London East to the hall occupied by Myrtle, No. 2.

To Bismarck, No. 31, to change to fortnightly meetings, and the place of meeting to No. 26 John Street North.

To Toronto, No. 30, to wear Jewels at Anniversary Celebration.

To Dufferin, No. 28, to change night of meeting from Thursday to Tuesday during the summer months.

ANNIVERSARY.

I am pleased to notice that the Anniversary of our Order was generally celebrated by the lodges in this jurisdiction in a suitable manner. I had the pleasure of being present at a concert given on that date by Rienzi, No. 24, in aid of their brass band. It was quite as successful as the most ardent friend of the Order could desire. I was called upon to speak on behalf of the Order, and explain its aims, objects and advantages. The result of this demonstration has been a large addition to the membership of this lodge.

PYTHIAN LITERATURE.

I desire to call the attention of all Knights in this jurisdiction, through the Grand Lodge, to a most valuable addition to Pythian literature, a contribution from the pen of Hon. John VanValkenburg, P.S.C. It is a most thorough exposition of the teachings of the Pythagorean School of Philosophers, and pictures in glowing words the doctrines taught by those wise men of old, and which furnish the foundation stones of the Pythian Temple erected by the master hand of Hon. Justus Rathbone, P.S.C. The volume of "Jewels of Pythian Knighthood" sparkles throughout with the rarest and richest gems of human thought, charming, instructive and elevating in their moral effect, and cannot fail to give members of our Order a most exalted conception of their responsibilities and duties as Knights of Pythias.