

A Masonic Lodge of Instruction will be held in the Strathroy Masonic Hall on the afternoon and evening of Thursday, Jan. 9th, when the work in these several degrees will be exemplified. This Lodge of Instruction is under the direction of Bro. Dr. Whitehead, D.D.G.M. of St. Clair district, and it is expected that members of the different lodges under his supervision will be in attendance. It is also the intention of the doctor to hold a similar one in Sarnia, on the 14th of January.

Grand Master Stearns, Quebec Register, recently visited Eddy Lodge, Hull.

The Lodge of Instruction held recently at Galt was the most successful ever held in that district notwithstanding the unpropitious weather. Leading members of the fraternity were there from Guelph, Berlin, Preston, Ayr and other points in the vicinity. All present were pleased with Bro. D. Forsythe as D. D. G. M.

Grand Chaplain Armstrong lectured in Ingersoll on the 16th ult., in Sarnia on the 17th ult. and in Amherstburg on the 18th.

D. D. G. M. Dr. Whitehead of Strathroy recently visited Havelock Lodge, Waterford, and Arkona Lodge, Arkona.

The officers of the two Masonic lodges in Port Hope were installed by Bro. J. B. Trayes, P.D.D.G.M.

Bro. Robt. J. Noble met his death suddenly on Christmas eve, in the township of Hamilton, by being thrown out of a buggy into a ditch. The deceased was on his way to his father's residence at the time. The remains were taken to Cobourg for burial, where Masonic ceremonies were conducted by Bros. J. B. Trayes, W. J. Robertson and F. E. Gaudrie.

Bro. Rea, P.D.D.G.M., installed the officers of the four Masonic lodges in Ottawa, on St. John's day, not a bad day's work for the craft.

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The Grand Chapter of Connecticut has no mileage or *per diem* expense, and yet every Chapter but one answered to the roll call, and that one will be fined unless good excuse is given next year. Grand old Connecticut.—*Tyler*.

The condition of Royal Arch Masonry in Florida is in a flourishing condition, compared with that of a few years back.

The Masons of Michigan are Making good progress in the erection of their Masonic Home, the first wing of the building, 90 x 147 feet, four stories and basement, being nearly completed, at a cost of \$30,000, all of which is paid. It will require about \$10,000 more to fit it ready for occupancy, and will then accommodate one hundred inmates. "This great work," says *The Tyler*, "has all been accomplished in the last three years by a few earnest brethren, who have discovered more in Masonry than wearing a jewel, and their noble efforts have been ably and cheerfully supported by the true men throughout the state." Whether the work shall continue in the hands of this association, or be turned over to the Grand Lodge of Michigan, is a question that is now being seriously considered by the Masons of that state.

In the Grand Royal Chapter of Kentucky, the last business before closing is a roll call of members, and any delegate not answering to his name thereby forfeits his *per diem* and mileage. A rule of this kind would have a whole some effect in some other jurisdictions that might be named. Delegates to Grand Bodies are paid a liberal compensation and should be in their seats from the opening to the close of each session.—*Masonic Advocate*.

In the death of Past Grand Commander David Clark, Connecticut loses one of its most eminent Craftsmen and Sir Knights. He was eighty-three years of age, and it is estimated that during his lifetime he gave over half a million dollars in charities.—*Masonic Chronicle*.