

youngest in the jurisdiction, but the membership and representation show her to be in a flourishing condition. In Bro. Frew's report for July he says, "the prospects of our Order here are exceedingly encouraging, during the last term we have made 28 new members, conferred 92 degrees, and since the first of the month we have had eight applications for membership. I feel assured that if harmony continues to prevail among the members of Excelsior Lodge, she will take high rank in the Order, from her position in one of the first cities of the West. While visiting the above Lodge, the Minute Book of Burlington Lodge, No. 17, which had been recovered by the energetic endeavors of Bros. Baer and Frew, was handed to me. The last meeting held by this Lodge was in March, 1848, over eighteen years ago. The records contain matters of much interest, and will repay the curious who may give them a careful perusal.

4.—In the month of March I received a pressing invitation from D. D. G. M., John Taylor, to visit Brock Lodge, No. 9, to attend their anniversary supper. I could not at the time comply with their wishes. A short time after, while on a business journey to Montreal, I stayed over a few hours at Brockville, but was unable, from the short notice given, to obtain a special meeting. This was during the first Fenian excitement, and I found Bro. Taylor together with other Bros. "doing duty at their country's call," thereby giving practical evidence, that while we as Odd Fellows are "fraternal to our fellow-men," we are at the same time faithful to our Queen and country. Brock Lodge in her old age is still healthy and vigorous.

5.—On Monday evening, July 16th, I visited Forest City Lodge, No. 38, London, a well filled Lodge and a bright glare of scarlet regalia greeted my eyes as I entered the room, thus reflecting on my mind the motto, "zealous in the cause, and well up in the Order."—I took part in an Initiation, (and although early in the term) I was much pleased with the proficiency of the several Officers.—Seven Petitions were presented.

The following evening I visited the officers and members of Eureka Lodge, No. 30. The meeting to me was an interesting one, the work was prompt and correct, showing that this Lodge is a strong pillar in the Temple of Odd Fellowship.

From among the warm hearted brothers of London, I took my departure to visit Samaritan Lodge, No. 35, Ingersoll; arriving there I found awaiting me our firm, tried and true Bro. D. D. G. M., A. Bristol; after an hours conversation with a few of the Bros. I proceeded to their Lodge Room, took my seat among them in due form, and the business of the evening went on. I am pleased to say that a more contented and happy family compact it never has been my privilege to witness. Samaritan Lodge during the early part of the year was in rather a precarious condition, in the D. D. G. M.'s Report, he alludes to the time when he saw but little hope of their

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