

ought to be established to the satisfaction of the Grand Master that it is a necessity, and for the best interests of the Order, and not simply to gratify the ambition of some impatient Brother.

NEW LODGES.

On the 9th of February last, I granted a dispensation to Bros. Stanislas P. Franchot, J. L. Wills, George Bothwell, and others, residing at the Village of Buckingham, authorizing them to open and hold a Lodge at that place, under the name of "Acacia Lodge."

On the 26th of April last, I granted a dispensation to Bros. Walter Demoullpied, W. D. Curran, Samuel McCutchie, and others, residing at Hemmingford, authorizing them to open and hold a Lodge at that place, to be known and designated as "Hemmingford Lodge."

The petitions in both these cases were strongly recommended by the nearest Lodges, and by the D.D.G.M.'s of the respective districts wherein they are situated, and I understand they have since been doing good work.

The Brethren to whom these dispensations have been granted, will, no doubt, apply to the Grand Lodge at this Session for Charters, and if their work and proceedings prove satisfactory, I recommend that they be granted.

OFFICIAL VISITATIONS.

During the past year I have officially visited the following Lodges in the City of Montreal—viz., Mount Moriah, Montreal Kilwinning, Royal Albert, Corinthian, Prince Consort, Mount Royal, Lodge of Antiquity and Cœurs Unis.

My reception by all was most fraternal, and of the heartiest description.

In several of these Lodges I had the pleasure of witnessing the work, and was much gratified at the creditable manner in which it was performed. At these visitations I was attended by a number of prominent Brethren, to whom I desire to return my hearty thanks for their assistance and kind co-operation.