

Rev. T. S. Forsaith, G.C., New South Wales, wife taken ill in the United States, America, on the way to this country.

The Grand Lodge of New Zealand—"Cannot, in consequence of unavoidable circumstances, send Delegates to the Imperial Council at its Triennial Meeting to be held in London in July."

The Grand Lodge of South Australia send greeting, and request that Bro. J. W. McNeale, P.D.G.M., Middle Island, New Zealand, may be permitted to represent South Australia at the Council.

The Grand Lodge of Queensland make a similar request.

The Delegates were then invited to report to the Council the facts they deemed most interesting as regards the past, present and future of the Order in their respective countries. Whereupon

Bro. Major James Bennett, G.M., Ontario West, addressed the Council as follows:

MY LORD AND BRETHREN,—I am happy to tell you that the cause of Orangeism in Western Ontario is steadily progressing both in soundness and respectability. We have under my jurisdiction over 600 Lodges, having at least an average of 50 members each, besides twice as many who are out on certificate, but when any demonstration takes place are always with us. To show you in what estimation the Orange body are held in the provinces, I was called upon in 1880 in my capacity as G.M., to lay the foundation stone of St. George's Church, in connection with the Church of England, in the town of Waltham, in the fine agricultural county of Huron, which I did with Orange honors; the brethren turned out in large numbers dressed in full regalia, with band and colours. I was presented with a beautiful silver trowel on the occasion. In 1881, I laid the foundation stone of a Methodist Church in Midland City, County Simcoe, the brethren of the vicinity turning out well in our regalia. We have also a Mutual Insurance Society in connection with our Order; when, on the death of a brother who is in good standing in the insurance, his heirs and assigns get the sum of 1,000 dollars, or about £200 of English money. We have also benefits in connection with most of our Lodges; such have a doctor for