

CANADIAN MASONIC NEWS.

Work has been commenced on the new Masonic Hall at Calgary, N.W.T.

Wilson Lodge, No. 86, will hold its 28th annual conversazione on the 20th January. The number of tickets will be limited.

TORONTO.—Ode de St. Amand Preceptory, K.T., have elected the following officers:—Sir Knights George J. Bennett, Eminent Preceptor; J. Simpson, Conductor; E. E. Sheppard, Marshal; Geo. Clarke, Registrar; R. E. Sir Knights J. G. Burns, Treas.; and W. C. Morrison, Chaplain.

KINGSTON.—Officers of Hugh de Payen Preceptory, K.T.:—Sir Knights S. W. Scobell, Eminent Preceptor; S. G. Fairlough, Constable; W. Waddington, Jr., Marshal; Allan McLean, Sub-Marshal; V. E. Sir Knight John Kerr, Treasurer; R. E. Sir Knight F. Rowland, Registrar.

BELLEVILLE.—Officers of King Baldwin Preceptory:—Sir Knights C. J. Starling, Eminent Preceptor; J. Parker Thomas, Constable; Arthur McGinnis, Marshal; M. W. McLean, M. A., Chaplain; George H. Pope, Treasurer; D. B. Robertson, Registrar; J. P. Thompson, Sub-Marshal.

R. E. Sir Knight E. A. Dalley, of Hamilton, is authority for the statement that the Commanderies of Canada would, in all probability, have a code of drill instructions before long, Past Eminent Commander, Col. Otter, of Toronto, having expressed his willingness to prepare a code.

We take pleasure in congratulating our venerable brother on the occasion referred to in the following dispatch:

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Robert Morris, LL. D., formerly of Kentucky, was this evening crowned Poet Laureate of the Freemasons, at the Masonic Temple. This distinction has not been conferred since Robert Burns was crowned in 1787.

On the 22nd March, the birthday of the Emperor Frederick William of Germany, Patron of Freemasonry in Prussia, the foundation-stone of a Masonic Temple in Mannheim was laid.

The conversazione of Geoffrey de St. Aldemar Preceptory, No. 2, promises to be the event of the season. The date has been fixed for January 9th, and already the committee is actively engaged in making preparations. It is proposed to invite the officers and members of Godfrey de Bouillon Preceptory, Hamilton, and representatives of Hugh de Payens and Lake Erie Commauderies, Buffalo, and Monroe Commandery, of Rochester, N. Y.

The Masonic 'raternity of Burford, on Wednesday evening, tendered a farewell banquet to W. Bro. W. G. Nellis, on the occasion of his departure to reside in Brantford. Bro. Nellis has for many years taken an active interest in the welfare of the craft, and was for over eight years Master of the lodge. Many were the expressions of regard for Bro. Nellis as a member of the community, and regrets expressed that he was severing his connection with those among whom he had resided for fifty years.

Wentworth Lodge, No. 166, Stony Creek, was recently visited by M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray, Grand Master; W. Bros. Dr. Smith, Ancaster; Alfred Poulter, Acacia Lodge; Thos. Irwin, Doric, and David Hill, St. John's. The first degree was exemplified by W. Bro. Irwin, and the second degree by W. Bros. A. Poulter and D. Hill. In the absence of W. Bro. Coombes, the Grand Master officiated as W. M. The officers elect of the lodge are:—W. Bro. F. M. Carpenter, W. M.; Bros. Geo. Fisher, S.W.; Geo. Millen, J.W.; James McFarlane, Chap.; Henry Lutz, Treas.; W. M. Thornton, Sec. A most enjoyable and profitable evening was spent.