

Officers of Aldemar Preceptory, No. 2, K. T., Toronto, for 1885:—E. T. Malone, Em. Pre.; N. T. Lyon, P. Em. Pre.; G. S. McConkey, Constable; John Hetherington, Marshal; Thos. Downey, Treas.; George Gowland, Chap.; H. A. Taylor, Registrar; J. S. Boyd, Sub-Marshal; Thomas McIlry, Almoner; E. Merritt, 1st Standard-Bearer; J. H. Rowan, 2nd Standard-Bearer; T. Hunter, D. of C.; J. Glanville, Capt. of Guard; R. West, 1st Herald; D. Bell, 2nd Herald; E. E. Sheppard, Wm. Hamilton, Council; W. H. Smith, Guard.

One of the objections to the society column in the daily press, is the appearance of paragraphs like the following, which was likely procured insertion in the *Mail* by some one as a joke on R. W. Bro. Robertson:—"R. W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson has been solicited by a number of brethren of Toronto district to allow his name to be used in connection with the coming election for D. D. G. M." As the brother has already filled the office, it is not likely he would care for another term, and as many well-qualified brethren aspire to the position, a past officer would not have a ghost of a chance. The next office R. W. Bro. Robertson is likely to fill is that of D. G. M.

The annual report of the London Masonic Mutual Benefit Association for 1884, has been issued, and from it we learn that during the year, 21 brothers died, the youngest of whom was 34, and the oldest 73 years of age. The largest amount paid into the Association by any of the deceased brothers was \$250, and the smallest sum \$67. The largest amount received by the legal representatives of deceased brothers was \$1,200. Since the inception of the Association, the sum of \$368,879.55 has been paid out to beneficiaries. The reserve fund at the present time aggregates \$44,000, and is increasing by from \$4,000 to \$5,000 every year. The Association

is doing a good work among the craft, and in the West especially has gained many ardent friends and supporters. The number of applications received during the year was 106, eight of which were rejected by the Medical Referee, and 14 had not completed their application papers. The average age of the 84 accepted was 36½ years. As showing the range of the operations of the Association, it may not be uninteresting to give the residence of the brothers who died during the year:—Wellesley, London, Colborne, Prescott, Essex Centre, Petrolia, Kingston, Brandon (Manitoba), Hamilton, Newbury, Port Dalhousie, Toronto, Tilsonburg, Barrie, St. Henrie (Quebec), London Township, and Goderich.

BALL AT CALGARY.—Boynton Hall was gracefully festooned with evergreen on the 20th ult., on the occasion of the Masonic ball. Pines from the foot hills and the coulees found themselves waving as naturally in the scented air as it was their well known habit to do in the free mountain air. Dancing commenced at 9 o'clock with the grand march, in which the brethren took part. Altogether the dance was the most successful ever given in Calgary. The committee were W. Bro. Geo. Murdoch, R. W. Bro. N. J. Lindsay, Bros. J. A. Walker, W. L. Bowen, O. N. Davidson, E. Rogers, T. H. Dunne, and Dr. A. Henderson.

The Grand Master has granted a dispensation for Murray Lodge, U. D., at Beaverton, with Bro. A. P. Cockburn as W.M., R. Dalh. R. Ramsay as S.W., and Hy. Johnston as J. W. There are some twenty names on the petition, including Past Masters D. Spry, Kerr Lodge; Ramsay, and R. J. Sanderson, Thorne; Ironsides, and W. M. Harvey, Orillia Lodge; D. M. Card, Zeredatha Lodge; Hirschfelder, Brock, and others. The lodge will, in all probability, be opened next month by the District Deputy Grand Master, R. W. Bro. H. Turner, of Millbrook.