

accomplish even more in the future than in the past. Our sons and daughters should join our Order at an early age, that they may be taught the divine lesson of humanity, when their minds are susceptible to receive impressions and before other associations and ties are formed.

QUALIFICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP.

I regret very much that at its last session the Sovereign Grand Lodge did not see its way clear to permit candidates joining the Order at eighteen years of age instead of twenty-one, as I certainly believe such a change would lead to a great increase in the membership of this Province. I hope our Grand Representative will continue to agitate the matter until the point is gained.

CONCLUSION.

I desire to return my sincere thanks to the Lodges and Brothers who have given me such hearty welcome and entertained me so hospitably on the occasions of my official visits. To Grand Secretary, F. Davey, I am especially indebted for valuable advice and assistance cheerfully given, whom I have found ever willing to assist others, even if it involved extra labor for himself. Brothers let me admonish you that, though the year has been prosperous and the outlook is bright, not to settle quietly down and consider that your work is accomplished, that there is nothing further to be done. In the great field of human endeavor there must be either progression or retrogression. There is no such thing as standing still. Life is indeed like a mighty river, and unless we are pulling up we are drifting down. In the natural order of things we have a place to fill and a duty to perform. If you would exemplify the teachings of our Order you must be progressive, virtuous and true.

Yours Fraternally,

JOHN H. MELDRAM,

Grand Master.

VICTORIA, B. C., February 1st, 1890.

BRO. J. H. MELDRAM, G. M.,

Grand Lodge, British Columbia.

Dear Sir and Brother,—I herewith furnish you with a report of my acts as your D. D. G. M. for District No. 1.

1st. I granted a dispensation to Columbia Lodge, No. 2, authorizing it to confer the three degrees of the Order on Bro. B. Stapledon in less time than allowed by law.