

tions for organizing new lodges as follows:—

Eastern Star, Colebrook, County Ad-
dington.

Rodney, Rodney, County Elgin.

Windsor, Windsor, County Essex.

Garrison, Kingston, County Frontenac.

These applications I now place before Grand Lodge, as I did not consider the reasons assigned for opening the proposed lodges sufficient to justify me in granting Dispensations. I am of opinion that we have quite enough lodges for all practical purposes, and for the benefit of Freemasonry, except in new sections of the country, and that it is better to strengthen and support those now in existence than to weaken them by organizing small lodges in every surrounding locality. As warrants to military lodges have not been granted heretofore, I consider it advisable to specially refer the application for a Garrison Lodge at Kingston to Grand Lodge.

AMALGAMATION OF LODGES.

I approved on the 6th November, 1883, of the amalgamation of St. James' Lodge, No. 78, and St. Mary's Lodge, No. 951, of St. Mary's, and I would have approved of the amalgamation of Goderich Lodge, No. 89, and Maitland Lodge, 112, of Goderich, had the applications been made to me, but as the papers are addressed to Grand Lodge, I could not do so.

A Duplicate Warrant has been issued to Franck Lodge, No. 127, to replace the original, which was destroyed by fire on 27th February, 1888; and a Dispensation has been granted to Mystic Lodge, No. 278, Roslin, authorizing a continuance of work until Grand Lodge can direct a new Warrant to be issued in place of the original, which has been stolen.

SPECIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Special Communications of Grand Lodge have been held,

On September 26th, 1882, at Brigidon, when Leopold Lodge, No. 397, was constituted, consecrated and de-

icated by R. W. Bro. N. J. Lindsay, D. D. G. M.

On 18th May, 1888, at Eglington, when the new hall of York Lodge, No. 156, was dedicated and consecrated by R. W. Bro. John Fisher, D. D. G. M.

On the 18th June, 1888, when the corner stone of St. Jude's Episcopal Church, Oakville, was laid by myself.

On the 21st June, 1888, when the corner stone of Christ Church, Farmersville, was laid by R. W. Bro. R. T. Walkem, D. D. G. M.

OFFICIAL VISITATIONS.

I have officially visited the following lodges:—

Barton, No. 6, Hamilton; St. Andrew's, No. 16, Toronto, to be present at a gathering of the old members of that lodge; Ionic, No. 25, Toronto; Corinthian, No. 96, Barrie; Kerr, No. 230, Barrie; Doric, No. 316, Toronto; on the occasion of a visit to Toronto of the members of Washington Lodge, Buffalo, Zetland, No. 826, Toronto, and Alpha, No. 384, Parkdale, to attend a conversazione given by the latter lodge, when I was honored with an address of welcome.

On the 27th December, 1882, I attended a reception in Hamilton, given in my honor, by the several lodges of that city, and was accompanied by M. W. Bro. James Seymour, P. G. M.; R. W. Bros. Hugh Murray, D. G. M.; Thomas Clark, D. D. G. M.; E. Mitchell, G. T.; J. J. Mason, G. S.; Otto Klotz, P. D. D. G. M.; J. B. Nixon, P. D. D. G. M.; David McLellan, P. G. S. W.; V. W. Bro. Henry Bickford, Assistant Grand Secretary, and a large number of members of the Grand Lodge. About 1,400 ladies and gentlemen were present at the reception and entertainment. An address, beautifully engrossed, was presented to me, and the reception was so hearty and enthusiastic that I shall long remember the kindness of my Hamilton brethren.

On the 11th January, 1888, a ball was held at Guelph, under the aus-