

I respectfully ask Grand Lodge to confirm this appointment and recommendation.

I have received a communication from the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, informing me of the suspension of R. W., Brother E. George Conkling, the representative of this Grand Lodge near the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, and asking the appointment to be cancelled, and naming a W. Brother whom he recommended for the position. I have as yet taken no action in this matter in the hope that the unhappy disagreement amongst our Brethren in that Province may soon cease to exist.

Since our last Annual Communication nothing of importance, affecting the Craft within this jurisdiction, has transpired.

During the past year I have issued eight Dispensations to confer degrees at a shorter period than authorized by our Constitution, one to appear at an entertainment in Masonic Costume, and one to Victoria Lodge, No. 2, to elect their officers, their Regular Communication happening on Christmas Day.

A Dispensation was issued to Brother Donald Darrach and others to open a new Lodge at Kensington, in Prince County, under the name of Mount Zion. A Charter has since been granted and I am glad to learn that this Lodge is doing good work, and will, I have no doubt, be one of our most successful Lodges.

During the past year Brother John Bell, Past Master of Alexandra Lodge, No. 5, has been taken from us by death, comparatively a young man. Brother Bell was a most exemplary Mason and much esteemed by the members of his Lodge.

As will be seen by the returns from the different Lodges our numbers have slightly decreased.