

ANNUAL COMMUNICATION OF THE GRAND LODGE OF CANADA.

The following is a synopsis of Most Worshipful Grand Master Murray's address, delivered at the regular annual communication of Grand Lodge, at Hamilton, on July 8th, 1885:—

GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Canada:

It gives me great pleasure to meet the representative Masons of the Province of Ontario in the birth-place of the Grand Lodge. To all I extend a hearty and fraternal greeting, and pray that the Grand Architect of the Universe may guide our deliberations and that the plans prepared by you for the guidance of the workmen may be such as will conduce to His glory and to the good of mankind.

DEATHS.

Since we last met the gavel of death has sounded. The Grand Lodge of Virginia mourns for its Grand Master, who died at Charlottesville, Aug. 15th, 1884. Manitoba has sustained a great loss in the person of our Grand Representative, M. W. Bro. Kennedy, P. G. M. of that Province and P. D. D. G. M. of this Grand Lodge, who died in London, England, on May 3rd, 1855, while returning from Egypt. Mississippi has lost Bros. J. H. Howry and Wm. French; Arkansas, Bro. E. H. English; North Carolina, Bro. H. J. Grainger; Montana, Bro. John J. Hull; Georgia, R. W. Bro. W. H. Fuller, our Representative near the Grand Lodge of that State. New York laments the death of R. W. Bro. Jas. Lockwood, of Buffalo. In our own jurisdiction the death of the following Past Masters have occurred: R. W. Bro. M. H. Spencer, Barrie, P. D. D. G. M. Toronto District, who died Feb. 10th, 1885, and V. W. Bro. F. R. Armstrong, of Markham, who died July 17th, 1884, and D. A.

Creasor, of Owen Sound, who died Dec. 29th, 1884.

VISITATIONS

have been made during the year to different lodges, at which installations of officers were made and addresses on Masonic matters delivered.

I regret that the recommendation of Grand Lodge in regard to the holding of Lodges of Instruction in the Districts has not been more generally acted on.

In accordance with the recommendation made by Past Grand Master, I appointed a committee composed of M. W. Bros. Spry, Moffatt, Henderson, Kerr, and Seymour and R. W. Bros. Henry Robertson, Klotz, and Bull, with whom I could consult on all matters pertaining to the ritual. This committee held a meeting at the office of the Grand Secretary, and a number of alterations were suggested with a view of ensuring greater uniformity in the language employed in the several degrees, and of correcting a few minor inaccuracies in the work. The views and opinions of those who have really studied the work, and who believe they are in a position to throw light on it, can be submitted to the committee on ritual.

Dispensations have been granted to Lorne Lodge, Tamworth; Mattawa Lodge, Nipissing; and Spry Lodge, Fenelon Falls. Several dispensations have been issued for the formation of new lodges.

I approve of the amalgamation of True Britons Lodge, No. 14, and Clandeboye Lodge, No. 355, Perth.

The following appointments of representatives have been made:—

R. W. Bro. Jas. A. Gray, of Atlanta, near the Grand Lodge of Georgia, in place of R. W. Bro. Wm. H. Tuller, deceased.

R. W. Bro. James W. Hopper, of Lebanon, near the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, in place of R. W. Bro. W. T. Darrow, removed from the jurisdiction.

R. W. Bro. Edwin Parnell, of Mel-