

Oxford Chapter, R. A. M., Woodstock, Ont., was visited on the evening of the 16th ult., by one of the oldest, if not the oldest, Chapter members in the Province, Comp. John Ralar. The old gentleman is comparatively healthy and vigorous, although a little hard of hearing. He was exalted at Ancaster, Ont., in 1815, thus making sixty-two years a Royal Arch Mason.

The members of St. Alban's Lodge, No. 200, Mount Forest, Ont., intend celebrating the Festival of St. John the Evangelist by a social assembly in the Town Hall on the evening of Thursday, Dec. 27. A committee has the necessary arrangements well under way, and they have every hope that an entertainment will be provided fully as pleasing as that held on the same occasion last year.

ROYAL ARCH MASONRY.—M. E. Comp. F. J. Menet, Grand Z., has granted a Dispensation for a new Chapter, to be opened at Orangeville, County Wellington, which has been named "Ionic Chapter," with V. Ex. Comp. James Wilson, as 1st Prin. Z.; Ex. Comp. W. Watson, as 2nd Prin. H.; Samuel H. McKittrick, as 3rd Prin. J.; Comp. P. M. Barker, Scribe E.; and R. Ex. Comp. Thos. Sargent, as Prin. Soj. With such a staff of officers, this new Chapter must be a success.

The remains of the late John Davidson, postmaster of Galt, were interred on the 3d inst., with Masonic honors, and were accompanied to the grave by a large concourse of citizens and members of the Masonic order. The procession formed was headed by the pupils and teachers of the Galt Collegiate Institute, the deceased having been one of the trustees of that institution. The ceremony at the grave was conducted by the W. M. of Galt Lodge, of which deceased was a member.

We have to commend St. John's Lodge, No. 75, Toronto, for the thorough business manner they have of presenting their affairs to the brethren. We are in receipt of tabular statements from the treasurer, Bro. John Erskine, showing in a comprehensive manner the yearly transactions of the Lodge, duly audited. On one side are the receipts showing moneys received for initiations, affiliations, monthly dues, &c., with interest on money invested by the lodge; and on the other is contained a concise statement of expenditures, every cent which has been disbursed by the Lodge being accounted for, and giving the balance on hand at the end of the Lodge year. Below is another set of figures showing the assets and liabilities. The assets show St. John's Lodge in a very flourishing financial condition, especially as their liabilities are "nil." We congratulate St. John's Lodge for this thorough business way of placing their affairs before the brethren, and commend the example set them to the other lodges in the Dominion.

We are indebted to E. Sir Knight T. B. Whytehead, E. P. of the Ancient Ebor Preceptory, York, England, for a copy of a very interesting paper read by him before the members of the above-named Preceptory on "The Connection between the Templars and the Freemasons of the City of York." The author has put his facts together in very good shape, rendering the paper extremely interesting to members of the Templar Order in other jurisdictions besides Great Britain.

The Regular Communication of Lake Lodge, No. 215, was held in Masonic Hall, Ameliasburg, Monday evening, Nov. 19th, at which there was a large attendance, to receive Right Worshipful Brother James Smith, D.D.G.M. of Prince Edward District, who was accompanied by W. Bro. Geo. H. Pope, W. M. of Belleville Lodge. The R. W. Bro. congratulated the brethren upon their suitable Lodge as well as their work. After the labors of the evening had ended, the D. D. G. M. and visiting brethren were entertained at an Oyster Supper, at Bro. Johnston's Temperance Hotel, which did great credit to mine host. R. W. Bro. Smith made a very interesting speech, and was followed by Bros. Pope and Thornton, when the usual loyal and patriotic toasts were proposed and responded to. A most enjoyable evening was spent, and wound up by all singing "God Save the Queen."

The work of the amalgamation of Dorchester and Burland Lodges, located at St. John's, Que., has been effected in a very simple and effective manner. Burland Lodge, on the 12th ult., confirmed a resolution previously passed to surrender its charter to the Grand Lodge of Quebec, and for the members to go over to Dorchester Lodge. It has also donated its jewels, regalia and furniture. Hereafter there will be only one Lodge in St. Johns, and that will be worked under the good old name of Dorchester—a name around which clusters many associations precious to the heart of every loyal craftsman. The amalgamation as effected has the entire support of the officers of the Grand Lodge, and was brought about very materially through the assistance rendered by Rt. W. Bro. H. Horskin.

We had the pleasure of attending the installation of R. W. Bro. Daniel Spry, P. D. D. G. M., as W. M. of Rehoboth Lodge, No. 65, G. R. C., at Toronto, on the evening of the 6th inst., when the ceremony was most ably performed by V. W. Bro. N. G. Bigelow, assisted by V. W. Bros. J. D. Henderson and Jas. Nixon. We congratulate the lodge on its choice of a Master, as R. W. Bro. Spry has few equals as a worker, and we are confident he will be ably seconded by the intelligent brethren filling the other offices. At the conclusion of the installation ceremony, the brethren adjourned to