

surprised to see this the strongest lodge numerically and possessing the heaviest assets in Ontario.

On the 19th of March, D.D.G.C. W. Franklin Morphy instituted Damon Lodge, No. 6. For more complete information regarding this lodge, see Bro. Morphy's report. That portion in which he refers to C. C. Ed. W. Pyke, I emphatically endorse and too much praise cannot be bestowed upon him and P.G.C. Gardner, both of whom are earnest, enthusiastic knights. To the last named, ably assisted by Bro. G. E. Van Tuyl, their first C.C., is due the credit for the addition of Petrolea Lodge.

I had hoped to institute lodges at Leamington, Essex Centre, Tilbury Centre, Blenheim, Dutton, Kingston, Picton, and Winchester. The failure to do so in the first five places was largely owing to the unfortunate illness of D.D. G.C. H. F. Duck, who had the work in hand, the state of his health being so serious that his medical advisers ordered change of climate. Let us hope that he may soon return perfectly restored.

The cause of delay in the other places named is largely due to the lack of time at the disposal of Bros. Fowlie, Wakeford and Stitt, of Dufferin Lodge, No. 28, Smith's Falls, which is some considerable distance from the towns mentioned. All have, I believe, done what they could and deserve much credit for the efforts they are making in the interests of Pythianism. I also wish to include, in this connection, P. C. John Paul, of Petrolea Lodge, whom I recently appointed Specially Deputy. He expects, at an early date, to establish lodges in Stratford and Woodstock.

My successor, no doubt, will ere long receive applications from a majority of these places.

In my report as Grand Vice-Chancellor last year I pointed out some of the difficulties we were contending with. I also suggested that the Grand Lodge would profit by the appointment of some one to assist the Grand Chancellor in disseminating the great principles of our Order. I am fully convinced that the Grand Lodge should take some such action. I have every reason to suppose that if a person possessing the necessary qualifications had been appointed and amply remunerated for his services I should not have been compelled to report the above delay in the institution of lodges.

DEFUNCT LODGES.

It is with deep regret that I am compelled to report that Oshawa Lodge, No. 26, has surrendered its charter, but for what reason I must confess my inability to furnish information.

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