

the examinations made of their work, have convinced me that their system and work are excellent, and that it would be wise in a small jurisdiction like ours to abandon a system and ritual that leaves us almost isolated, for one that would confer so many advantages.

A valuable manuscript work of masonic statistics have been kindly presented to this Grand Chapter by Comp. Frank W. Baxter, of the Grand Chapter of Vermont. It is a work of great value, the result of patient and intelligent labor on the part of a distinguished companion, who has already endeared himself to Quebec masons by his fraternal efforts in their behalf. I am personally indebted to Comp. Baxter for valuable documents and suggestions furnished me during my incumbency of office. This gift makes the obligation deeper. I would suggest a suitable acknowledgement therefor.

In retiring from the office to which you have twice so generously elected me, I should be guilty of ingratitude did I fail to thank, as I now take the occasion of doing, those companions who have so cheerfully rendered assistance which has enabled me to perform with a fair measure of success the work which the duties of the office developed upon me. I am conscious of many omissions in the performance of those duties, but I can say that I have faithfully endeavored to fulfill the trust reposed in me. However that may be, the record is before you for good or for ill. It only remains for me to express the hope that peace and harmony may attend your deliberations, prosperity continue to be the lot of Royal Arch Masonry in this jurisdiction, and that the Most High will vouchsafe to us and all His divine approbation.

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CANADIAN MASONIC NEWS.

Coldwater wants to have a Masonic lodge. If it succeeds, it will be the first Cold-water lodge in Canada.

The craft of Ontario learned with deep regret of the death of R. W. Bro. David Andrew Creasor, Mayor of the town of Owen Sound, which took place at his residence, Inglewood, in that town, on the 29th Dec. Deceased was an able lawyer, and exceedingly popular with his fellow-citizens. Our deceased brother was buried with masonic honors, the Orangemen of the District also taking part in the funeral.

It is now said that the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters will be held in Toronto in April, though we have seen no official announcement to that effect. Many influential members of the Order are not at all pleased at the postponement of the meeting, and unless it is shown that there was good cause for it, there is a prospect of some plain "constitutional" talk.

At a regular meeting of Corinthian Lodge, No. 330, London East, on the 6th ult., a very pleasant event took place. W. Bro. H. C. Simpson, on behalf of the lodge, presented Immediate P. M. W. Bro. C. Norman Spencer with a very elaborate and handsomely chased past master's jewel. The presentation elicited a few very appropriate and affectionate remarks from Bro. Spencer.

The first Masonic meeting in McLeod, N. W. T., was attended by eight brethren, who met at Bro. D. W. Davis' rooms, recently. It was decided that, as soon as a building could be procured, a dispensation be petitioned for from the Grand Lodge of Manitoba. In the meantime, lodges of instruction will be held on the first and third Saturdays of each month. All brethren in the district are cordially invited to attend.

Wilson Lodge, Toronto, held its annual conversation lately, and it proved a most successful affair. There was a large attendance of the brethren and their friends. Chairman Ritchey opened the proceedings by an address of welcome to the invited guests, which was replied to by Grand Master Hugh Murray, of Hamilton; P. G. M. Spry, of Barris; G. Secretary Mason, of Hamilton, and other prominent brethren present. Dancing was then heartily indulged in. The usual course was slightly departed from; by placing the musical programme between the first and second parts of the dancing.