

District Deputy Bro. Kempling, to whom in his business visits to that locality, is mainly owing the organization of that Lodge.

Yorkshire Lodge, No. 39, instituted Nov. 4th by the M. W. G. P. assisted by the officers and members of Excelsior Lodge and D. D. Prior.

Buckingham Lodge, No. 40, instituted Nov. 18th by the R. W. G. V. P. Grand Secretary, District Deputy Bro. Barker, Bro. Ald. J. C. Swait, and the officers and members of Old England Lodge, Port Perry. Bro. Edmett, Past Grand Vice-President, deserves credit for his efforts in organizing Buckingham Lodge at Uxbridge.

Last but not least, Victoria's Jubilee Lodge, No. 41, instituted January 15, 1887, by the Grand Secretary, assisted by Past Grand President, Bro. Peter Millington, and the officers and members of Excelsior and Yorkshire Lodges.

I am pleased to record the fact that we have instituted three good and substantial lodges in the city of Montreal within the 13 months, and that great credit is due to Past Grand President Millington and Bros. Papps, Wright and Boswell for their untiring efforts in this direction.

Other lodges are on the way of organization. I am in communication with gentlemen in Windsor, Paris, Brampton and West Toronto Junction, Cobourg and Dundas can be organized whenever the proper officers get down to work. A new lodge is contemplated in the city of Ottawa, a lodge will be organized in Huntsville during the year; Chatham, Stratford, Brantford, Perth, Napanee, Brockville and other places, only required to be looked after, and the prospects are good. I have sent parcels of our aims and objects to all these places, including Guelph, Owen Sound, Meaford, Port Arthur, and as far to the north-west as Winnipeg, and to the Provinces down by the seas, British Columbia and Nova Scotia.

I am pleased to report that with few exceptions all our lodges are in a strong and healthy condition. Our visitations to the various lodges during the year has been of a most enthusiastic character. The Grand Lodge and its officers were never more loyally honored and respected than they are today, and the authority of your Executive, without perhaps a single exception, is looked upon with great favor and confidence.

I am pleased to report, that with two exceptions the year has passed without your Executive being called upon to intervene for the settlement of lodge difficulties. The first is that of lodge Rose of Couchiching, No. 23, of Orillia, which the Grand President investigated, and reported as having settled satisfactorily, though, I understand, with the loss of one or two members.

The other case is that of Lodge Stafford, No. 32, of Toronto; in this matter an application was made to the Executive by one of the auditors of the lodge, asking for an examination of the lodge books; after consulting with the lodge President, who expressed the desire for such an inspection in order to satisfy those who had any doubts, the R. W. G. V. P. and your grand Secretary were appointed a committee from the Executive to investigate said books, which was done, I believe, to the satisfaction of nearly all concerned; and while your

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