

ner in which the brethren of Guelph have undertaken the erection of their new Masonic Hall gives promise of success to their enterprise, and it is at the same time a pledge of the interest taken by them in the great work of our Order. The new hall is well designed, and when completed will be one of the most substantial and ornamental buildings in Guelph, and will, at the same time, afford excellent accommodation for the craft in that town. The event was celebrated by a luncheon of a very *recherche* character, and this afforded me an opportunity of addressing to the brethren some observations respecting the nature and design of Freemasonry, and the duty which we owe to each other in the different relations of life.

The occasion was one of great satisfaction to our Guelph brethren. I have no doubt it will serve much to strengthen their hands in the important work in which they are engaged of diffusing the advantages and benefits of our loved Institution in that section of the country. I congratulate them upon the enterprise and energy which they have already shown. Upon the foundation stone thus laid may they be permitted to erect a structure perfect in all its parts and honourable to the builders, where the privileges of Freemasonry may be made known, and its principles may be inculcated in ages yet to come.

I have also held special communications of Grand Lodge for the purpose of constituting and dedicating some of the Lodges to whom warrants were granted at our last Annual Communication.

REPRESENTATIVES.

During the past year our relations with foreign Grand Lodges have been strengthened by the exchange of Representatives with five Grand Lodges with whom we were not in direct communication previously.

I have the pleasure of appointing as our Representatives:

1. R. W. Bro. D. C. Dawkins, near the Grand Lodge of Florida.
2. M. W. Bro. the Honorable John Yeo, near the Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island.
3. M. W. Bro. the Honorable W. N. Kennedy, near the Grand Lodge of Manitoba.
4. R. W. Bro. the Rev. Dr. Dame, Grand Chaplain, near the Grand Lodge of Virginia, and
5. R. W. Bro. W. H. Freeman, near the Grand Lodge of West Virginia.

And credentials have been received by the following brethren appointing them representatives near this Grand Lodge:

1. R. W. Bro. J. J. Mason from the Grand Lodge of Florida.
2. R. W. Bro. W. H. Weller from the Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island.
3. R. W. Bro. Æmilius Irving from the Grand Lodge of Manitoba.
4. W. Bro. Wm Brydon from the Grand Lodge of Virginia.
5. R. W. Bro. J. E. Harding from the Grand Lodge of West Virginia.

Vacancies having occurred, the following further appointments have been made as our Representatives:

1. M. W. Bro. Reuben Mickell, near the Grand Lodge of Iowa.
2. R. W. Bro. Alexander Watt, near the Grand Lodge of Oregon, and
3. R. W. Bro. W. T. Darrow, near the Grand Lodge of Kentucky.

And the following brethren have received credentials appointing them Representatives near this Grand Lodge:

1. R. W. Bro. J. J. Mason, from the Grand Lodge of Iowa.
2. R. W. Bro. C. D. Macdonnell, from the Grand Lodge of Oregon.
3. R. W. Bro. Daniel Spyry, from the Grand Lodge of Kentucky.
4. R. W. Bro. David McLellan, from the Grand Lodge of Illinois, and
5. I have been honored by the Grand Lodge of Missouri appointing me Representative of that Grand Lodge in place of our deeply lamented R. W. Bro. T. B. Harris. It was a great surprise, but none the less agreeable to me, to receive my credentials as the Representative of this firm ally of the Grand Lodge of Canada, at the hands of that accomplished, talented and learned mason, R. W. Bro. George Frank Gouley, who has on so many occasions proven himself to be the true friend and able advocate of the cause of this Grand Lodge. I trust that the more than cordial and fraternal terms of masonic intercourse which have in the past existed between these Grand Lodges, may continue and be strengthened, and it will be my pride and pleasure, if I can in any measure be instrumental in furthering the maintainance of such felicitous relations.

We have also the gratifying intelligence that the misapprehension which existed in the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, with reference to the action of this Grand Lodge respecting the Grand Orient of France, and our friendly relations with that body, have