

In our next issue we will give a short sketch of his life accompanied by his portrait.

THE excellent portrait that appears in the present issue of M.W. Bro. J. M. Gibson, is one that will be readily recognized by every mason in Ontario. We also publish a short sketch of his life.

In another column will be found an account of the Twenty-fifth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Quebec. The prosperous condition of Masonry in the Province of Quebec is gratifying to every lover of the Craft, and when we consider the difficulties, owing to the composition of the inhabitants of the Province, and the never ending opposition of the Church of Rome to its progress, the steady growth of its membership is surprising. The founders of the Grand Lodge may well look back with pride and satisfaction to the truly masonic work done during these many years, the large amount of money spent in charity, and the good fellowship and love exemplified by the members of the Craft, notwithstanding the uphill work and opposition they sustained. The gratifying intelligence that the new Temple will be ready for occupation in May and that all the stock has been subscribed for is also cheering. The only thing necessary to complete satisfaction is the position of the Premier Grand Lodge of England. Would it not be a gracious and friendly act on their part, if they, in order to show their good will and friendship and their appreciation of the principles of the Craft, would duly acknowledge the supremacy of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, and re-

quest the brethren of their three lodges that still hold allegiance to them to throw in their lot with the Grand Lodge of Quebec, and work shoulder to shoulder in building up a Masonic edifice of true character that will be an honor to the Craft, and put to shame those enemies that are trying to crush it.

At the Forty Second Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A.M. of the State of Minnesota, held at St. Paul, January 16 and 17, 1895, the following officers were elected: Bro. Calvin L. Brown, Morris, M. W. Grand Master, and Thomas Montgomery, St. Paul, R.W. Grand Secretary. There are 200 active chartered lodges with 14,543 members. Net gain 520. Receipts, \$8,174. Expenses, \$7,118.52. In treasury, General fund, \$12,864.35. Widows' and Orphans' fund, \$15,061.76. Lodges chartered at Aitkin, Evansville and Argyle. Charter of No. 145 surrendered. Board of Custodians continued. \$2,220 were appropriated for relief of 16 necessitous cases.

At a late meeting of Kilwinning Lodge, Montreal, R.W. Bro. B. Tooke, D.D.G.M., made a presentation rich in historic associations. It was a gavel made from oak from the building in which the first Masonic Lodge in Great Britain was held. The D. D. G. M. told of his visiting the homes of Masonry in different parts of England and Scotland. He had visited the old mother Kilwinning Lodge, of Kilwinning, Ayrshire, the lodge without a number, in whose historic halls the immortal Burns had once ruled the Craft. He was installed in the chair and wielded the same gavel. It was on this occasion that Bro. Tooke was presented with one of the four remaining pieces of old oak that had once done duty in the now fallen lodge building.