

## NEW BODIES.

Shortly after the last session of the Supreme Council I received a petition from several leading Masons of Barrie praying for a dispensation to open a Lodge of Perfection, which I had pleasure in forwarding to the Sovereign Grand Commander, with my recommendation that the request be granted.

The memorialists included the Hon. Senator Gowan and other gentlemen of high standing in the town, and of considerable influence in public life and Masonic circles. The Sovereign Grand Commander issued his dispensation authorizing the formation of the Lodge, and on Nov. 17th, 1887, Illustrious Brothers JOHN W. MURTON, 33°, Lt. Grand Commander, HUGH MURRAY, 33°, Sec'y-Gen'l, HUGH A. MACKAY, 33°, Treas.-Gen'l, WILLIAM REID, 33°, G. M. of Cer., DAVID McLELLAN, 33°, and a large number of Hamilton brethren visited Barrie—the N. & N. W. R'y having placed car No. 33 at their disposal—and opened a Lodge of Perfection, and conferred the degrees from 4th to the 14th upon the necessary number of candidates. A Rose Croix Chapter was opened and the degrees 15th to 18th were conferred, after which the Barrie Lodge of Perfection was duly instituted, with Bro. DANIEL F. MACWATT as T. P. G. M. and an able staff of officers. This Lodge has held nine meetings during the year, and the officers and members are exhibiting commendable zeal in the work, so as to confer the degrees in an intelligent manner. I recommend that a Warrant be granted at the present session.

The prospects of the Rite in Barrie are very good, and a fair increase in membership may be expected during the coming year, but as the Masons of the northern part of the Province do not, as a rule, take much interest beyond the M. M. Lodge, it cannot be expected that a large number will avail themselves of the advantage of the Scottish Rite. As I am a member of the Lodge, I have been present at most of the meetings.

## WINDSOR.

I visited Windsor last October and consulted several of the most active Masons regarding the introduction of the Rite into that town. They entered heartily into the proposal, and shortly afterwards I received a petition from Bro. GEO. D. ADAMS, and a number of prominent Masons in Windsor, asking for a dispensation to open a Lodge of Perfection. As I knew most of the petitioners personally as upright men and Masons, I had much pleasure in recommending the S. G. Com. to comply with their request. He was pleased to issue his dispensation, and on December 9th, 1887, Illustrious Brothers J. W. MURTON, 33°, Lt. Grand Commander, HUGH MURRAY, 33°, Sec'y-General, and DAVID McLELLAN, 33°, visited Windsor, and assisted by Ill. Bro. W. H. BAXTER, 33°, of Detroit, Michigan, U. S. A., conferred the necessary degrees, and Palestine Lodge of Perfection, with Bro. GEO. D. ADAMS as T. P. G. M., and a staff of zealous officers, was opened. I recommend that a Warrant be issued at this session.

The situation of Windsor Mich., is a peculiarly appropriate one for those who become members in Windsor, as they will find themselves with the Detroit brethren of the Ritual. I visited Palestine Lodge, and was much pleased to learn that there were no candidates to receive the degrees, and that a new Lodge was opened in a correct manner. G. M., and his efficient staff. The brethren of Windsor are considering it would be in the interest of this Province, I respectfully

Not much progress has been made by the brethren have not yet seen the necessity to separate the Lodge of Perfection from the separate Warrants and a different system, as the brethren in all other Provinces. As a recommendation of the Supreme Council, coercion used, I earnestly hope that the brethren will use their advantage to conform to the system, and separate the Lodge of Perfection from the other, that by so doing they will add to the glory of the Forest City.

Royal City Lodge of Perfection. This is most gratifying to the members of the Lodge. The officers are excellent, and there are no complaints of progress.

The Consistory has made considerable additions to its roll of membership. The eighth Annual Re-union of the Consistory was held at Windsor, and there was a large attendance from various parts of Canada and the United States. As I was in ill health I was unable to be present.

On the 16th October I visited Windsor, Ill. Brothers D. F. MACWATT, 33°, and STEVENSON, 14°, of Barrie,