

In July I installed the officers of St. Mary's Lodge, assisted by P. G. Rep. Partridge and Bro. J. W. Lester, from London and other Brothers from Stratford. I was delighted to find many brothers in that Lodge whom I had also met there several years ago. I think Brothers it speak volumes to meet the old standard; it plainly shows their hearts are in the right place, and that as they have got the will they have also got the way to keep the wheel of Odd Fellowship rolling.

The remaining Lodges in my jurisdiction I have been unable to visit, but take pleasure in referring to the success of a visit by Rev. Bro. Gilray of London, to Samaritan Lodge, Ingersoll. The meeting was a public one, and was addressed by Bro. Gilray at length upon the merits of Odd Fellowship, and I am assured much good has resulted to the Order there in consequence of the effort.

In May last I had an opportunity to visit Olive Branch Lodge, Detroit, where I was cordially welcomed. I cannot allow this opportunity to pass without assuring you of the repeated courtesies and kind attentions the brethren of our own jurisdiction, and especially those belonging to Frontier Lodge have received from the brethren in Detroit.

(H) I regret brethren to have to report the demise of Thames Lodge, matters in connection with which will be submitted you by the Grand Secretary.

(I) I have further to state that Rond Eau Lodge is in a very precarious condition. No reports for the past year have been received therefrom. Bro. Sewell's letter will explain all. I wrote him some time since, advising him to be present at this session, and have some hopes that you may be able to gain from a personal interview with him, further information regarding said Lodge.

(A) I have now the honor to submit for the consideration and deliberation of this Grand Lodge, all communications which I have received in connection therewith, and which embrace matters of much importance. Among these will be found letters from the Most Worthy Grand Sire, the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, D. D. G. Sire Bingham, and from the Secretary of the Wilkey Monument Committee, together with reports from a few of the D. D. G. Masters in this our Jurisdiction.

In accordance with the request of the Secretary of the Wilkey Monument Committee I forwarded a copy of the design, with a few remarks of my own on the subject to the different Lodges under the guidance of this Grand Lodge, urging on them the necessity of giving a hearty response to the call. I hope the result will be favorable and that when our Rep. leaves for the G. L. of U. S., we will be in a position to remit a further contribution to that Monument of which we should be all justly proud.

It is a source of pride to me, and must be one of gratification to you to learn that no case of appeal has been received, either by me or the Grand Secretary, so that you will be relieved of the onerous duties connected with such cases.

(B) I have thought well to submit for your approval or amendment the following decisions: "A member of the Manchester Unity may unite with our Order, and may retain membership in both Orders."

(C) T. S. Milks under date of June 12th, 1865, writes, enquiring whether a Lodge can legally hold property in its own name, and also whether a Subordinate Lodge could invest the W. & O. Fund: To the first I referred him to the consolidated Statutes of Canada, quoting Chap. 71, Secs. 7, 8 and 9.

To the second interrogatory my answer was Yes! and explained to him the way that other Lodges had much benefited that Fund by investing it safely.

(D) D. D. G. Master Bro. McAfee enquires as follows:

1. Can a Lodge after electing a candidate to Membership, and previous to his admission reconsider the matter, and order a new ballot for the candidate. I answered Yes! and referred him to the Digest page 13 Sec. 6.