

LODGE AND ANTE ROOM.

The M. W. the Grand Master will pay an official visit to Brantford this month.

Provincial Prior S. Wesley, of Barrie, has appointed V. E. Frater D. F. Macwatt District Registrar.

The Masonic Lodges of Montreal have appointed a committee to secure funds for the erection of a Masonic Temple. It is proposed to form a stock company with a capital of \$100,000.

R. W. Bro. Armstrong, Grand Chaplain, at the solicitation of the brethren of Thornedale Lodge, delivered his lecture on "The Moral Aspects of Craft Masonry" in that village on the 8th inst.

R. W. Bro. Jackson, D. D. G. M., officially visited the lodges at Prescott, Kemptonville, Chesterville and West Winchester this month. He also delivered a lecture on "Solomon's Temple and Early Masonry in England," during each visit.

The brethren of Murton Lodge of Perfection, Hamilton, and Toronto Lodge of Perfection, Toronto, A. & A. S. Rite, on Thanksgiving day paid a fraternal visit to Barrie Lodge of Perfection, and were hospitably entertained by the Barrie brethren and their ladies.

On Thanksgiving Day the officers and members of Barrie Lodge of Perfection held an emergent assembly to meet the members of the Hamilton bodies, who paid a fraternal visit on that occasion. We acknowledge receipt of a kind invitation, but could not be with them in the flesh.

On October 15th the Lodge room of St. Johns, No. 81, Mount Bridges, was reopened after having undergone a thorough overhauling and redecorating. It is certainly a great improvement, and reflects credit upon those who took the work in hand. There was a large gathering and plenty of work, which was done by the W. M. Bro. Young, to the satisfaction of R. W. Bro. Whitehead, D.D.G.M. for the District. There were a number of visiting brethren present, notably, W. Bros. Mallon and Currie, of Strathroy.

On the 17th ult. the Grand Chaplain, Rev. David Armstrong, visited Strathroy, Ont., and lectured on the "Moral Aspects of Freemasonry." The popular D.D.G.M., R. W. Bro. Whitehead, sat in the East supported by W. Bros. Evans, Macbeth, Currie, Mallon and Wilkinson, of Strathroy; W. Bro. McGeegan, of Lobo; W. Bro. Toohill, of Napier, and others. At the conclusion a vote of thanks was unanimously accorded the R. W. Brother for the instruction given, and by him suitably acknowledged, after which the brethren present played havoc with many toothsome bits, provided by the Strathroy brethren for their entertainment.

The ladies and gentlemen who visited Washington feel much indebted to R. E. Sir Kt. O'Connor, proprietor of the Queen's, for the many kindnesses which he showed to members of the party on the way down and back. At the banquet held on the return of the Knights, Frater O'Connor was the recipient of a magnificent gold-headed cane. It bore the following inscription: "R. E. Sir Knight J. O'Connor. From his fellow pilgrims to Washington, October, 1889." Sir Kt. O'Connor puts special value on the token, for the reason that the ladies were as much interested in the presentation as the gentlemen.—*Winnipeg Sun*.

Bro. Sanderson will be the light that will adorn the Orient next year. The *Free-mason* congratulates the brother and the lodge.

R. W. Bro. Rev. Dr. Armstrong, of Moore, Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of Canada, has promised to deliver a lecture on the "Moral Aspect of Freemasonry" in Brantford on the 12th inst.

R. W. Bro. W. B. Doherty, Deputy District Grand Master of London District, paid an official visit to the Aylmer Lodge on the 5th inst. He visited Sparta Lodge on the 4th and Iona Lodge on the 6th.

The Masons of Brantford are making preparations for a great time to be held there on the 12th inst. Masons from Toronto, Hamilton, Orillia, Barrie, Paris, St. George, Burford and other places are expected.

On the 12th inst. Doris Lodge, No. 121, A. F. & A. M., G. R. C., of Brantford, entered the members of Strict Observance Lodge, No. 27, of Hamilton. The brethren of Burford Lodge, St. George, and in fact all within the 8th Masonic District were invited. A lecture by R. W. Bro. Armstrong, Grand Chaplain, was the evening's feature.

The new Masonic hall at Dutton was dedicated recently by D.D.G.M.E.W. Bro. Doherty, of St. Thomas. A large number of brethren from Rodney, West Lorne, Iona and St. Thomas, to the number of about 78, were present to witness the imposing ceremony, which was done in ancient style, and after conferring degrees the visiting brethren were entertained to an oyster supper in the McIntyre House.

On the 4th ult. about seventy-five American Freemasons visited Kingston by invitation. Fifty were from Hiram Lodge, Fulton, N.Y.; A. Ferris, W.M.; twenty-five from Cape Vincent Lodge, J. B. Mark, W.M. They were driven to the Penitentiary, Royal Military College and other places of interest and were afterwards entertained in the Fontenac and British American hotels. The visitors assembled with the Kingston brethren in the Masonic lodge rooms and exemplified the third degree.

It is understood, says the *Free Press*, that the committee named by the Grand Chapter of Canada to determine the status of the two Royal Arch Chapters at Brockville have visited that town and held a conference with the Companions in regard to the matter in dispute. The rumour is that they will report favourably on granting a warrant for the youngest Chapter, as recommended by the Grand Z. at the last annual Convocation. It was shown, so we are informed, that the new organization is doing good work in the town and that there is ample room for both Chapters.

Ill. Bro. Gavin Stewart, 33°, of Hamilton, was the recipient of a jewel of that degree from his Hamilton brethren a few nights since. The jewel is a rare and beautiful specimen of the goldsmith's art. The general design is that of a cross, with cross swords and three interlaced triangles. The face is rich with gold and crimson and white enamel, upon which is worked the emblems of the degree, with the mottoes "Ordo ab chao" and "Deus meumque jns." On the obverse is engraved this inscription: "Presented to Ill. Bro. G. Stewart, 33°, Hon. Ins. Gen., by his brethren of the A. & A. S. Rite, Hamilton, Ont., 1889."

Those who have not heard W. Bro. Ald. Verral of Alpha Lodge recite "Tel El Keber" have missed something rich and rare.

It wasn't the Past Grand Senior Warden who found himself "in the soup" on the first Friday in November. Not by a very considerable majority.

There was a long and neck-and-neck race for the chair in Ionic. Bro. Geo. Sterling Ryerson, a Past Senior Warden of the lodge defeated his successor on the fifth ballot.

R. ex-Comp. M. Walsh, of Ingersoll, G.S. of Wilson District, officially visited Oxford Chapter, No. 18, R. A. M., of Woodstock, last month. He found the Chapter in a most flourishing condition.

Grand Superintendent Hetherington is visiting the Chapters in his district regularly. Tuscan, Brampton, Doric, Newmarket, Occident, St. Paul's and Antique of Toronto, have been honoured with his attentions recently.

The "little lodge" has not gone back on its record after all. Bro. "Billy" Riddle was elected W. M. notwithstanding that the present incumbent received such a large measure of support. St. George has not made a mistake this time.

The new Masonic Hall at Brandon, Man., was recently dedicated by Grand Master O'Meara, assisted by R. W. Bro. Ovas, of Rapid City. The event marked a new and even more prosperous epoch in the history of Freemasonry in Brandon.

Grand Master I. H. Stearns, of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, has issued a proclamation withdrawing the edict of non-intercourse with the English Lodge and its subordinate branches. This will place them in the same position as before the edict of non-intercourse was issued.

The handsome regalia presented by Ionic Lodge to Grand Registrar Judge Morson, its popular and esteemed W. M., decorates that good brother's manly form at each meeting. That old time monarch dear to masonic tradition was not arrayed like unto the G. R.

At a recent meeting of Antiquity R. A. Chapter No. 91, Parkdale, R. Ex-Comp. Dr. Rowe was the recipient of the handsome regalia of a Grand Registrar presented by the members. The attendance was very large and much enthusiasm was manifested. R. Ex. Comp. J. A. Wills, on behalf of the Companions, made the presentation.

District Deputy Grand Master Clarke, of Essex Centre, paid an official visit to the Masonic Lodge at Leamington on the 5th inst. The D. D. G. M. was accompanied by Bros. Fizer and Church, of Essex Centre. An oyster supper and a general good time were subsequently enjoyed at Hudson's restaurant. The visiting brethren were the guests of W. C. Coulson, Esq., during their visit to Leamington.

W. Bro. J. Noble, District Secretary of Niagara District, sends us the following:—"R. W. Bro. Dr. Jaques, D. D. G. M., Niagara District, has just paid official visits to Dufferin Lodge, Wellandport; St. John's Lodge, Cayuga, and Mountain Lodge, Thorold. He was well received by the brethren, whom he found working with the greatest harmony. Mountain Lodge has suffered a great loss by the death of R. W. Bro. John Dale, P. D. D. G. M., and late Treasurer of the Lodge."