

was authorized to take the necessary steps by a motion passed at the last annual communication of Grand Lodge. I found, on enquiry, no warrant has ever been issued to Clarke Lodge. The dispensation and property returned to me, through R. W. Bro. Boyd, have been placed in the hands of the Grand Secretary.

All the Lodges in my District have been visited by me officially, with one exception, and I am glad to report that, generally speaking, they all appear to be working with good and efficient Masters and Officers. No one, however, I think, could visit the Lodge of the District, as I have done, without being forcibly struck by the want of uniformity in the various details of the work of the Lodges. I trust that the measures lately adopted, and the revision of the ritual by a number of the experienced brethren of the Province, will result in the production of a uniform system of work for the entire jurisdiction, which will be accepted and faithfully carried out, as far as circumstances will admit, by every Lodge on the registry of the Grand Lodge of Quebec.

While not presuming in any way to dictate a course of action to any of the Lodges in the District, I cannot refrain from expressing my opinion that the interests of Masonry in Montreal would be strengthened and benefited by the amalgamation of the Lodges severally bearing the names of St. George and Zetland, and though the proper time for such amalgamation may not yet have arrived, I would earnestly request the members of the Lodges interested to seriously consider the question.

I have to report having granted the following Dispensations :

To the W. M. and Brethren of Montarville Lodge, Longueuil, No. 58, permitting them to wear their Masonic Regalia at a reception held in their own Lodge Room, on the 21st November last.

To the W. M. and Brethren of Prince Consort Lodge, Montreal, No. 52, permitting them the use of their Masonic Regalia at a Festival given by them on the evening of St. John's Day, in December last.

The conduct of the brethren on both of these occasions fully justified the indulgence granted them.

I have also, in terms of the Constitution, granted a Dispensation to the W. M. and Brethren of Hochelaga Lodge, Hochelaga, No. 57, to pass and raise at a less interval than one month from receiving a preceding degree, a sea-going mariner, Brother Alexander Crowe Vance.

In accordance with a motion carried at the last annual communication of Grand Lodge, the purport of which was conveyed to me by the Grand Secretary, I on the 24th of October last, proceeded to Prince Consort Lodge, No. 25, and there re-obligated Bro. Ward in the first and second Degrees, and, in the name of the Grand Lodge, declared him to be a regularly passed unaffiliated Fellow Craft Freemason. As the application of this brother for affiliation, and the conferring on him of the third Degree in Prince Consort Lodge, was on ballot rejected, the brother finds himself in a peculiar position, and the W. M. of the Lodge has addressed to me a communication, which I now produce with this report.

I desire to call special attention to the continuance in my District of four Lodges still working under the jurisdiction of foreign Grand Lodges.