

NEW LODGES.

3. But little has been done in this direction during the past year, and I am of the opinion that it is better to wait than establish lodges that would be short-lived for want of support, and to promote and strengthen the lodges already in existence.

4. A lodge would have been established at Virden but for the want of a suitable place to meet. I trust that that difficulty will soon be overcome. A Brother writes me from there that there are about twenty or twenty-five Odd Fellows around that part of the country, and that there would not be much trouble in opening a lodge.

LODGES ESTABLISHED.

5. On February 10th, with the assistance of Deputy Grand Master Bowley, Grand Warden Dodimead, Grand Secretary Conklin, Grand Representative Anderson, Past Grand Master Young, A. W. McLean, D.D.G.M., and a large number of Brethren from Winnipeg, Portage la Prairie, Brandon and Minnedosa (the brethren from the latter place having driven eighty miles), Western Star Lodge No. 11 was instituted at Carberry with five charter members, and the officers installed, after which twenty-one candidates were initiated, one admitted by card, and the degrees conferred on nineteen. This lodge starts out under the most favorable auspices, the members being gathered from among the best citizens of that enterprising town and surrounding country. The growth and prosperity of this lodge ought to be a certainty. I would therefore recommend that a charter be granted.

6. On June 4th I received a communication from the Grand Secretary stating that Moosomin Lodge No. 2, Assiniboia, had petitioned the Grand Sire to be placed under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, which request was granted, providing that the Grand Lodge of Manitoba was willing to accept Moosomin Lodge No. 2 under its guardianship. After consulting with the Grand Officers I decided to accept jurisdiction over them upon the following conditions:—

"That the Grand Lodge of Manitoba will be at no expense for mileage or per diem allowed to Representatives under Article 51 of the Constitution, unless sufficient is to their credit for the then current year from capitation tax, and if the expenses in sending a Representative or Representatives is greater than the amount standing to their credit from capitation tax for the then current year, the deficit shall be borne by