

their real necessity, as I am no advocate for conferring degrees hurriedly, as is too frequently done.

On the first of February last, I authorized W. Bro. Henry S. Jost, of Unity Lodge, No. 4, to dedicate Masonic Hall, at Petite Riviere, County of Lunenburg, and on the 15th of the same month, R. W. Bro. A. H. Crowe, D. G. M., was likewise authorized to dedicate Masonic Hall at Truro.

On the 8th of December last, I received a letter from the Grand Secretary of New Brunswick, complaining, on the part of the Grand Master of that jurisdiction, of the action of Union Lodge of this city in receiving petitions from residents of the city of St. John, and conferring the several degrees of Freemasonry upon them. I directed the Grand Secretary to answer the communication, and to express to the M. W. the Grand Master of New Brunswick my deep regret at the action of Union Lodge of this city, with the assurance that such steps would be taken as to prevent a recurrence of the irregularity complained of.

On the 15th of December, I received a letter from M. W. Bro. C. W. Nash, Grand Master of Minnesota, U.S.A., recommending the appointment of R. W. Bro. E. D. P. Porter of St. Paul, as a suitable person to represent the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia near the Grand Lodge of Minnesota.

A communication, dated 26th of April, has also been received from the Grand Lodge of Ireland, confirming the nomination of W. Bro. R. C. Hamilton, W. M., of Lodge St. Andrew, No. 1, of this city, as representative of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Ireland near this Grand Lodge, and nominating and recommending Bro. Charles Capel Macnamara, Barrister, and Past Master of the Lodge, No. 728, Dublin, as our representative at the Grand Lodge of Ireland.—These letters and recommendations will be submitted for your approval and confirmation.

In the month of October last, I received information from the Secretary of Albion Lodge, No. 5, New Glasgow, that the W. Master and Wardens were unable, through illness and absence from the jurisdiction, to attend to the duties of the Lodge. In the absence of any provision in our Constitution for such a case, I authorized the Senior Past Master to congregate the Lodge and perform the duties of Master until time or circumstance should restore the proper officers.

A circular letter from the Grand Master of the State of Louisiana, dated 15th March, and accompanying the report of a committee of that Grand Lodge in reference to certain encroachments on their territorial jurisdiction by the Grand Orient of France, will be duly submitted to this Grand Lodge for such action as may seem most conducive to