

the lodge during the year 1885, and although prospering slowly, it is still doing good work, they trust Grand Lodge will take their peculiar position into consideration at this communication.

M. · W. · Bro. Geo. Otis Tyler informed me that at a special communication of Shawenegan Lodge, No. 49, held on the 1st of April last, he had the pleasure of installing W. · Bro. Wm. Bickerton Smith, P. M. of said Lodge, as Grand Senior Deacon of this Grand Lodge, it affords me great pleasure to say that from my personal knowledge of Bro. Smith's ability and his attachment to masonry, that he will perform the duties of the office with credit to himself and satisfaction to this Grand Lodge.

I am happy to say Shawenegan Lodge continues to enjoy a large degree of prosperity under its able and well skilled officers. I have been informed that the building they hold their meetings in is now their own property, and is valued at about \$2,000; the Lodge has also increased in membership considerably during the past year.

On the 24th of June last, I had the pleasure of installing the Wor. Master and officers elect of Tuscan Lodge, No. 28, Levis, on which occasion there were several prominent members of Quebec Lodges present, amongst others M. · W. · Bro. Jas. Dunbar, P. G. M., R. · W. · Bro. H. J. Miller, Grand Senior Warden, R. · W. · Bro. Rev. Robert Kerr, Grand Chaplain, and V. · W. · Bro. Henry Higgins, P. M. of Albion Lodge. After the ceremony of installation of officers, M. · W. · Bro. Dunbar delivered a very suitable address to the members of the Lodge, congratulating them on the success of their meeting, on the large numbers present, and dwelling upon several matters of interest to the craft.

After labor all present were entertained at an excellent supper provided by the members of the Lodge.

At a subsequent visit, I had the satisfaction of seeing two degrees conferred, and as a result felt called upon to warmly congratulate the W. · M. · Wardens and other officers on the very creditable manner each had performed his duty as prescribed by the ritual.

On the 28th of December, I had the honor of installing the Wor. Masters and officers of Albion Lodge, No. 2, St. Johns, No. 3, and St. Andrew, No. 6; if the enthusiastic zeal of the present officers of the above Lodges may be taken as a criterion, the meetings cannot fail to be otherwise than pleasant and profitable to all.

I may here mention that all the Lodges I have visited are working the ritual in a very satisfactory manner. I am very favorably impressed with the neatness and constitutional manner in which the Secretary's and Treasurer's books are kept.

With sincere regret I have to report that death has taken from our midst on the 31st of January last, V. · W. · Bro. John Tweedell, of Albion Lodge, No. 2, aged 61 years. He was an earnest and hard working mason, conscientious in the discharge of every duty, was highly respected by the brethren and public, and deeply regretted by all who had the pleasure of knowing him.

St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 6, has had to mourn the loss of one of its oldest members in the person of R. · W. · Bro. John Soles Bowen, who was called to rest on the 31st of July, aged 49 years, at Glen's Falls, New York. His remains