

number of Lodges to appear in Masonic clothing at festivals concerts and excursions, all of which are reported as having been conducted in peace and good order, and to have assisted in promoting harmony and social feeling amongst the brethren.

Two districts the Niagara and Ottawa district are reported as having procured Masonic Regalia for the D. D. G. M's. of their districts.

A number of presentations have been made during the past year, amongst them may be mentioned the presentation in Brant Lodge of a service of silver plate, to R. W. Bro. Curtis P. D. D. G. M. by the Lodges of the Wilson district over which he had long presided—and of a P. D. D. G. M's. Jewel to R. W. Bro. C. D. McDonald, P. D. D. G. M. of the Ontario district at Peterborough.

It is gratifying to be able to report that two Lodges have been resuscitated during the past year viz., Rehoboth Lodge No. 65 Toronto, which has increased its membership from seven to 46 in six months, and St. Francis Lodge No. 24 Smiths Falls which is now working with most cheering prospects of success.

It is our melancholy duty to record the death of many valued and faithful brethren who we sincerely hope have attained membership in the Grand Lodge, above where T. G. A. O. T. U. above presides. Prominent among those who have been called from their earthly labours, your Board desires to mention the death of our Rev. Bro. Dr. Neville, Chaplain of Strict Observance and St. John's Lodges, Hamilton, he was an able and popular Minister, and a devoted friend and brother.

Your board cannot refrain from mentioning the fearful murder of Bro. Joel Dean of Union Lodge 334 of Bradford Penn. U. S. A. who was brutally murdered in the County of Bruce. His remains were interred with Masonic ceremonies by Goderich Lodge No. 33 and Maitland Lodge No. 112.

Bro. Blaisdell, Treasurer of Dalhousie Lodge No. 571 E. R. who has been an active and zealous Brother of that Lodge, and its Treasurer for many years has departed. His remains were followed to the grave by his Brethren of Ottawa City who desired to pay this tribute of respect to a Brother, who both as a man and a Mason fulfilled all his obligations.

In conclusion the Board regrets that many of the D. D. G. M. do not observe the requirements of the constitution by transmitting to the G. S. the reports of their districts previous to the meeting of the board, thereby delaying the board in its work, and taking up time later in its sessions, which might well be devoted to and is required for various other important purposes—at this time no report has been received from the D. D. G. M. of Quebec district.

All of which is respectfully submitted

The following Brethren presented their credentials as Representatives, and received the usual salutations :

M. W. Bro. Bernard, from G. L. of New Brunswick.

W. Bro. Ramsay, from G. L. of Ohio.

R. W. Bro. D. McLellan, from G. L. of Georgia.

R. W. Bro. Jas. Seymour, from G. L. of Mississippi.

R. W. Bro. the Rev. C. P. Bess, P. G. Chaplain of the Provincial Grand Lodge of New Brunswick was introduced, and on motion of M. W. Bro. Bernard, was accorded the rank of a P. G. Chaplain in this Grand Lodge.

At this stage of the proceedings, R. W. Bro. Barber, on behalf of the Masonic Fraternity of the city of Ottawa, tendered to the Grand Officers and Representatives in attendance, the hospitalities of the city, and extended an invitation to a Banquet to be given on Thursday evening.

The Grand Master, on behalf of Grand Lodge, thanked the R. W. Bro., and cordially accepted the same.

The Grand Secretary read a communication from Bro. J. H. Dorwin, presenting to the Grand Lodge of Canada a Sabre which had originally been presented to Union Lodge No. 8, E. R., by H. R. II., the Duke of Kent. On motion the present was accepted and the Grand Secretary was instructed to convey to Bro. Dorwin the thanks of Grand Lodge for his valuable and interesting donation.