

4. Myrtle Lodge, at Port Robinson, County of Welland.
5. Tufferin Lodge, at Wellandport, County of Lincoln.
6. Orient Lodge, at Don Mount, County of York.
7. St. John's Lodge, at Pittsburgh, County of Frontenac.
8. Bruce Lodge, at Tiverton, County of Bruce.
9. Hiram Lodge, at Wolfe Island, County of Frontenac.
10. Georgina Lodge, at Sutton, County of York.
11. Merrill Lodge, at Dorchester, County of Middlesex.
12. Nilestown Lodge, at Nilestown, County of Middlesex.
13. Occident Lodge, at Toronto, County of York.
14. Mercer Lodge, at Fergus, County of Wellington.
15. Georgian Lodge, at Penetanguishene, County of Simcoe.

In dealing with the applications for such dispensations, I made the strictest enquiry, and was satisfied that the essentials for prosperous lodges and creditable material existed in each case, before the desired authority was granted, and I am very happy to be able to state that what is already done is an earnest that the fields of labor have been well chosen, and give promise of excellent work in the future.

PUBLIC CEREMONIES.

1. A Special Communication of Grand Lodge was called at Toronto, in August of last year, when, assisted by the brethren, I laid the corner stone of a new church, in the presence of a large gathering of the people of that city.

2. In the following month I laid the corner stone of a new church in London, having convened a communication of the Grand Lodge for that purpose. There was a very large attendance of the brethren on this occasion also.

R. W. Bro. Mott, D. G. M. of the G. L. of Texas, being then in London, we had the honor of his presence at this ceremony, and we were much gratified to have the opportunity of thus meeting that distinguished brother.

Special Communications of a like character were also held, and corner-stones of public buildings were laid at the following places :

3. At Strathroy, the corner stone of a church to be called the "Church of St. John the Evangelist," to be used by the members of the Church of England.

4. At Frankford, the corner stone of a church to be used by the members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

5. At Dover East, the corner stone of a church to be called "St. Thomas' Church," to be used by the members of the Church of England.

6. At Kingston, the corner stone of a building, to be occupied by Minden Lodge as a hall and lodge room.

7. At Bethany, the corner stone of a church to be used by the members of the Church of England.

8. At Ridgeway, the corner stone of a church to be used by the members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

9. At Onondaga, the corner stone of a church to be used by the members of the Church of England.

10. At Foxboro, the corner stone of a church to be used by the members of the Methodist Church.

11. At Belleville, the corner stone of another church to be used by the members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

12. At Guelph, the corner stone of a Masonic Hall, to be erected by the Masonic Hall Company, for the use of the Lodges in that town.

The records of all the above special communications will be submitted to you for your approval and confirmation.

The interest taken in all the above proceedings, and the attendance of a large number of persons on each occasion to witness the same, afford the best evidence of the high esteem in which Freemasonry is held by the community in general.

The corner stone laid at Bethany was the first public ceremony conducted by the members of our order in that section of the Ontario District. The brethren from Port Hope, Lindsay, Peterboro', Millbrook, Orono, and other neighboring places, turned out in large numbers, and I took the opportunity of addressing them upon the grand principles of our Order.

The celebration at Guelph, on Dominion Day, was the first occasion on which the brethren have taken part in any public ceremony in that part of the Province. There were about five hundred brethren in attendance, and several thousands of persons from the locality gave their countenance to the proceedings by attending to witness them, notwithstanding the unfavorable state of the weather. The enthusiastic man-