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Grand Lodge of Quebec.

The Tenth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Quebec was held in the Masonic Hall, Montreal, on Wednesday, the 24th Sept., 1879, M. W. Bro. Melbourne M. Tait, Grand Master, presiding. A large number of delegates were present, and among the distinguished visitors were M. W. Bro. Laurie, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia; M. W. Bro. W. B. Simpson, P. G. M. Grand Lodge of Canada, and R. W. Bro. Thomas White, P. G. M. Grand Lodge of Canada.

After the usual routine, the M. W. the Grand Master delivered his annual address, as follows:—

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Quebec.

I once more heartily and fraternally welcome you to our annual communication, where an opportunity is again afforded you of working together, to advance the interest and usefulness of our beloved institution.

You will no doubt recall to mind that we have now reached the close of the first decade of our Grand Lodge existence, and will gratefully remember that notwithstanding the unusual and severe trials through which we have passed, we have been greatly prospered by the G. A. of the Universe.

Nothing has occurred during the past

year to call for very special attention at my hands, and I shall therefore but briefly refer to a few matters which may interest you, and throw out a few suggestions which may perhaps be deemed worthy of your consideration.

The following Grand Representatives have been appointed to represent our Grand Lodge:—Bro. James N. Castle, near the G. L. of Minnesota, in the place of R. W. Bro. Porter; R. W. Bro. W. H. Howes, near the G. L. of Arkansas; R. W. Bro. A. J. Turpin, near the G. L. of Kentucky; R. W. Bro. Alpheus Gay, near the G. L. of New Hampshire, in the place of M. W. Bro. Barrett, deceased; and R. W. Bro. Edward Bourreault, near the G. L. of Portugal.

We shall have much pleasure, I am sure, in most cordially receiving the Representatives who have been appointed to represent other Grand Lodges near our Grand Body, and who are the following:—V. W. Bro. T. P. Butler, from the G. L. of New Brunswick; R. W. Bro. J. T. McMin, from the G. L. of Kentucky; L. W. Bro. Boisseau, from the G. L. of Portugal; W. Bro. Thos. Simpson, from the G. L. of Minnesota; and W. Bro. David Newton, from the G. L. of Arkansas.

I have not been called upon to grant any dispensation of importance, except one for the installation, as W. M. of Montarville Lodge, of a Brother who had not filled the office of Warden. This was done on the urgent and unanimous petition of the Lodge, setting forth strong and, in my opinion, sufficient reasons to justify the dispensation. I have granted two or three dispensations permitting degrees to be conferred within the time prescribed by the Constitution, but before doing so I was careful, in each case, to ascertain that the circumstances warranted my granting the application. I am always disinclined to grant dispensations of that character, and only do so for urgent reasons, and I am glad to say that in this respect I but share the general feeling of the Rulers of the Craft.

St. George's Lodge, No. 11, Q. R., having in accordance with the resolution passed at our last annual communication (p. 56), surrendered the old Warrant issued by the Grand Lodge of England, I appointed a committee to investigate the matter, and determine what should be done with the original Warrant. This committee—consisting of M. W. Bro. J. H. Graham (chairman), R. W. Bros. J. H. Isaacson and McMin, V. W. Bros. S. N. Sausun and T. P. Butler, and W. Bros. Holton and Fyfe—met in this city in December last, and after a very careful consideration of the whole matter, concluded by recommending that, in consideration of the information obtained by them, and in view of all the circum-