

pleased to entertain, and dispensations have been duly issued for the same.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

M. C. CAMERON,
D. D. G. M.

LONDON DISTRICT.

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge:

In presenting my second annual report to Grand Lodge on the condition of Masonry in the London District, I would most respectfully beg to state that I have had the honor of visiting, during the past year, every Lodge in this District, comprising 25 Lodges under Charter and one U. N. At the annual Communication last year, I was much gratified in being able to report to Grand Lodge, the prosperous and favorable condition of the Lodges under my control; and on the present occasion it is my pleasing duty to bear testimony to the marked improvement, which reflects the highest credit on those worthy brethren, who have devoted themselves to the art and science of our time-honored institution, thus enabling them to conduct the business of their various Lodges in accordance with the established usages of our Order.

ERRORS AND COMPLAINTS.

In November last, a complaint was made by Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 171, Iona, against St. Paul's Lodge, No. 107, Lambeth, for having accepted and initiated a candidate whose residence was within the jurisdiction of the former. On investigation, the charge was fully sustained, and I directed the candidate and the initiation fee to be handed over to Prince of Wales Lodge, which was readily complied with, and the dispute settled in a manner satisfactory to both Lodges.

In December, I received a communication from Malahide Lodge, No. 140, Aylmer, informing me that during the temporary absence of the Worshipful Master, a Lodge was summoned and officers for the ensuing year elected, one week previous to the regular night of meeting. At first, this error appeared to be rigorously dealt with; an enquiry into the circumstances, however, convinced me that the brother who called the meeting was not actuated by any improper motive, but had been misled as to the proper night of meeting. I declared this election null and void, and ordered a new election.

GRIEVANCES.

Nearly all of the grievances that have claimed my attention during the past year have been more imaginary than real, and in the majority of instances, have been easily and satisfactorily adjusted. Two cases have been recently communicated to me, in one of which I endeavored to effect a reconciliation, but from the hasty temper and stubborn disposition of one of the parties, the attempt was useless. The other I have not interfered with, as the time was close at hand for the meeting of Grand Lodge. Both of these cases will be brought before Grand Lodge at its present Communication.

DISPENSATIONS.

The M. W. Grand Master has been pleased to grant a dispensation for a new Lodge in the city of London, called the "Tuscan," which has been regularly organized.

I have also granted several dispensations for

holding masonic festivals, and two for the removal of Lodges,—one to St. John's Lodge, No. 81, Delaware, to remove to Mount Brydges, the other to Cassia Lodge, No. 116, Widder, to remove from that village to the station.

DEATHS.

In accordance with the will of the G. A. O. T. U., many of our esteemed brethren have been called from labor to rest. Amongst the number, the following have been reported to me:

Bro. Wm. Dillon, Wellington Lodge, No. 46, Chatham.
W. " John H. Black, St. George's Lodge, No. 41, Kingsville.
" H. C. Hughes, Malahide Lodge, No. 140, Aylmer.
Rev " P. Smith, Chaplain of Kilwinning Lodge, No. 64, London.
" John Davidson, " " " " " "

The last-named brother lost his life by an accident on the Great Western Railway, he being an employee of that Company. He leaves a wife and several small children in destitute circumstances.

BENEVOLENCE.

Masonry is essentially a benevolent institution; in fact, benevolence has ever been considered one of the strongest pillars upon which our Order is built; and with your permission, M. W. Sir, I would solicit the attention of Grand Lodge to one point in connection with this subject, which, I think, merits the most careful and serious consideration.

On referring to our Grand Lodge reports, I find that the Annual receipts amount to nearly \$7000; yet out of this large income there is not \$1000 devoted to purposes of relief; and I would respectfully urge that the time has arrived when some more efficient means should be adopted for relieving the necessities of those who have such strong claims upon our benevolence.

I would suggest that a Committee be appointed in each District with the D. D. G. M. as chairman, to meet quarterly and enquire into any case or cases of destitution in their district, and recommend such assistance as may seem necessary, the amount so given not to exceed one half the amount of fees annually paid by the District to Grand Lodge.

Being about to retire from the office of D. D. G. M. for London District, (and I trust that the office will be filled by some one better qualified to discharge its duties,) I take this opportunity of expressing my sincere and heartfelt thanks for the many acts of kindness I have received at the hands of the brethren of this District.

And in conclusion, M. W. Sir, permit me to congratulate you on the honourable position to which you have recently been appointed as County Judge for the County of Norfolk.

May the G. A. O. T. U. preserve your health and strength, so that you may long continue to discharge the duties of that important office. At the same time I am satisfied that your zeal and assiduity for masonry will not relapse, but if possible, will be stimulated with renewed vigour, and that you will continue to devote to the benefit of our order that wisdom and experience which has contributed so materially to our success in the past.

I would acknowledge M. W. Sir, the prompt attention given by yourself and R. W. Bro. Harris, Grand Secretary, to all my communications during my term of office.

Respectfully submitted,

F. WESTLAKE,

D. D. G. M.