

We understand that Ill. Bro. W. H. Pierse, 95°, of Almonte, has just returned from his western tour, and reports that he has Rose Croix Chapters under way at Ingersoll and Woodstock. Bro. Pierse is one of the most enthusiastic members of Victoria Rose Chapter, and has devoted a great deal of time, labor and money to the advancement of the Egyptian Rites.

SHEKINAH COUNCIL, No. 1, G.R.C.—
The following are the officers for the ensuing year of the premier council of R. & S. Masons in Ontario:—Ill. Bro. Oronhyatakha, T. Ill. M.; Rt. Ill. Bro. E. H. D. Hall, P. T. Ill. M.; V. Ill. Bro. T. B. Newton, R. Ill. M.; Rt. Ill. Bro. R. Ramsay, Ill. M.; V. Ill. Bro. T. H. Tebbs, Sec'y; M. Ill. Bro. D. Spry, Treas., and Ill. Bro. Ross, Sentinel. This body will in future meet in Thorne Lodge Hall, Orillia, on the first Wednesday in January, April, July and October.

M. Ill. Bro. Oronhyatakha has been created a member of the Imperial Grand Council of the world for the Egyptian Rites. This supreme organization was organized under Garibaldi, and is the chief executive and appellate body of the Memphis and Mizraim Rites. Ill. Bro. Tebbs, on his recent visit to Naples, was decorated by the Sovereign Sanctuary of Italy with the Star of Sirius, as a compliment to the Sovereign Sanctuary of Canada, of which body he was made an honorary Past Deputy Grand Master-General at the union.

HEALTHY OPPOSITION.—There has often been a cry raised of "too many lodges," but if the brethren would only note how at times in country towns, where there is only one lodge, how apt it is to fall into the hands of a clique and gradually become old fogyish, we think there would not be so much said upon the point. A healthy opposition in the form of a second lodge properly officered and

thoroughly worked, often causes quite a revival in the interest of Freemasonry in a place, where before it was almost dead. We know of more than one instance in which such has been the case, and consequently are not so afraid of a second lodge in a town of four or six thousand as some of our friends appear to be. The second lodge is sure to prove a stimulus to the first, only don't let them become jealous of each other and fall into a habit of bickering.

ZEREDATHA ROSE CROIX CHAPTER, No. 14, G. R. C., UXBRIDGE.—On December 28th, M. Ill. Bro. R. Ramsay, Substitute Grand Master General of the Sovereign Sanctuary of Canada, officially visited Zerodatha Rose Croix Chapter, and installed the following officers:—Sir Knights R. J. Butler, W. M.; D. Campbell, S. W.; M. D. Crosby, J. W.; Ed. Anderson, Orator; John A. McGillivry, Prelate; C. Goodrich, Conductor; T. Boyd, Treasurer; John Noble, Archivist; W. B. Steward, Capt. of Guard; John Bascom, Guard of Tower; Jos. E. Gould, Sentinel.

THE LONDON MASONIC MUTUAL BENEFIT ASSOCIATION.—We are in receipt of the twelfth annual report of the above association, and it is very gratifying to the craft in general and its supporters in particular to find that it still possesses the confidence of the Canadian fraternity, and is not only able to meet its claims promptly, but has in addition a reserve fund of \$39,003,667. During the thirteen years it has been in operation it has paid death claims to the amount of \$338,724, and during the past twelve months the total number of deaths has been twenty-six and the amount paid to beneficiaries was \$82,144, including two deaths out of the reserve fund, and one to be paid for in January, 1884. The membership now is 1494. We think that the agent, W. Bro. Hargraves, will be able to greatly increase this as year by