

LAYING THE CORNER STONE OF ST. PAUL'S
CHURCH.

Having received a request from the Rector and Wardens of St. Paul's Church, at Knowlton, to lay, with Masonic ceremonies, the corner stone of that sacred edifice. I caused a Special Communication of the Grand Lodge to be summoned to meet at Knowlton, on the 9th day of October last, for that purpose. The state of my health did not permit me to attend and preside on this occasion, but this I did not regret, as it enabled me to call upon our able and zealous Past Grand Master, M. W. Bro. J. Fred. Walker, to preside in my place, and to have the honor of performing the ceremonies proper to the occasion. Assisted by the officers of the Grand Lodge and deputations from the Lodges in Montreal and Quebec, and the districts adjoining Knowlton, our M. W. Bro. laid the corner stone of St. Paul's Church in ancient and prescribed form.

RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE DISTRICT DEPUTY
GRAND MASTERS.

Shortly after the last session of the Grand Lodge, I caused a letter to be sent to the several District Deputy Grand Masters, containing a recommendation that they would bring before the Lodges, during their annual visitations, the necessity of giving attention to three special matters:

1. The importance of the proper working of the several degrees by the officers of Lodges, and the selection of competent and able Brethren to perform the work.
2. The encouragement of the social element at Lodge communications, in addition to the regular work of the Lodge.
3. Against the practice (becoming prevalent) of the undue display of regalia and jewels at Masonic funerals.

I am pleased to learn that these recommendations were well received, and promise to meet with the hearty approval of the Brethren.