

Sept. 1st. Dispensation granted to Hiram Lodge, No. 12, to confer the Master Mason's Degree on Bro. Clarence Hemeon, he being about to leave and join his ship and be away for an indefinite period.

Nov. 5th. Permission granted to Solomon Lodge, No. 46, to meet in Lodge and march to Church and hold Masonic Service on St. John's day, Dec. 27th.

Nov. 25th. Permission granted to Charity Lodge, No. 69, to meet and march in procession to church, and hold Masonic service on St. John's Day.

Dec. 23rd. Permission granted to Minas Lodge, No. 67, to meet in Lodge, march in procession to church, and hold Masonic service, then to return to Lodge and have a banquet.

Dec. 30th. Permission granted to Truro Lodge, No. 43, to confer second and third degrees on Bro. E. A. Randall, who was initiated in Temple Lodge No. 47 (now extinct), in Jan. 2nd, 1891, and to re-obligate him in the first degree.

Acacia Lodge, No. 8, forwarded to me in June last, certain proposed by-laws for my approval, I returned them with one of the proposed by-laws approved, but suggested certain alterations to the other to make it more clearly conform to the Constitution. I have not been advised as to whether my suggestion was acted upon.

Wallace Lodge, No. 76, sometime in November last, requested my good offices with the Department of Militia and Defence, to secure a long lease at a nominal rent, of the military property upon which their Lodge Hall stands. My request was most promptly and graciously granted, and the Lodge expressed its gratification at the favorable action of the Department.

FINANCIAL POSITION.

Our financial condition though not what might be characterized as "flourishing," yet, considering our circumstances and difficulties, may be pronounced satisfactory.

I feel that I am expressing the sense of the members of Grand Lodge, when I refer gratefully to the labors of our brethren, the Trustees of the Masonic Hall, and the committee on Finance and Audit, for the painstaking work done by them.

We are all no doubt anxiously hoping for the arrival of a day when our financial obligations may be so reduced, that a reasonable sum may be appropriated for the improvement and ornamentation of the Masonic Hall.

A LIBRARY.

One of our needs is improved library accommodation. The important collection of Masonic books and documents, the property of Grand Lodge is not