

don District:—S. Dubber, Thrice Ill. Master; W. B. Doherty, Deputy Master; N. W. Ford, Principal Conductor; J. S. Upper, Chaplain; W. E. Idsardi, Treasurer; A. N. Pettit, Recorder; L. Slater, Captain of the Guard.—*London Free Press.*

Ex. Comp. JOHN MALLOY, P. Z. of St. John's Chapter, No. 6, R. A. M., Hamilton, was presented on the 14th ult., with a gold Past First Principal's jewel, and a complimentary address. The Ex. Comp. has been a very efficient officer, and deserves all the credit and praise his companions can give him.

The Masons of Cincinnati have issued an appeal for aid to the fraternity of the United States. The appeal says "for hundreds of miles, not only Masons in great numbers but thousands of men, women and children, are homeless, cold and hungry. Every source of charity must be called on to relieve their distress. If any Masonic body desires to contribute to the noble purpose, the remittances may be sent to the Masonic Flood Committee, Masonic Temple, Cincinnati."

During the week three Past Master's jewels have been awarded to brethren in city lodges who have passed through the chair, and were deemed entitled, and justly so, to the honors conferred upon them. This practice of doing honor to retiring officers is much more in vogue now-a-days than it was in "ye olden tyme," and there is just the slightest tinge of jealousy, we fancy, in the minds of a few of the fathers, at the turn affairs have taken. But the age is a progressive one, and their turn may yet come.—*London Free Press.*

It is understood that the directors of the Masonic Temple Company cannot see their way clear at present to lower the rental of the Blue Room, as asked for by a deputation of the Finance Committee. They consider that the sum paid by each lodge—six in number—is reasonable, and that they would not be doing justice to the stockholders in acceding to the request. In the cases of two of the higher orders, small reductions were made for prudential reasons. The annual meeting of the company will be held shortly.—*London Free Press.*

On the 12th ult., the members of the lodges of Welland and district assembled to do honor to one of their number who was about to leave the town to take up his abode in "the glorious climate of California." The guest of the evening was Bro. James Bridges, who, with his family, are held in high esteem, not only by the brethren but by the people generally. Bro. J.

M. Duna occupied the chair, and after he had eulogized the good qualities of their guest, called for music from a choir which was present. The feast was then announced to be in readiness, when some fifty couples enjoyed themselves. A very pleasant evening was spent, and the brethren were very well pleased with the proceedings. Gatherings of this kind do a great deal of good, and we would recommend the lodges to make them more numerous.

The Masonic concert at Melbourne on the 10th ult., was unusually successful. A number of duets were sung by the Misses Hughson in excellent style. Mr. Charles Butler sang several comic songs, and Miss Mamie Bull gave a series of readings, and was repeatedly encored after each selection. Miss Fewings and Mr. Henry Fewings, with their musical selections on the piano and mouth-organ, monopolized much of the applause of the evening. The other participants were Mr. John Williams, of Fingal, and Mrs. Smith, each of whom very creditably performed the parts allotted them. The proceeds of the entertainment were \$60.

Recently R. W. Bro. J. M. Gibson, accompanied by R. W. Bro. W. G. Reid, E. W. Bro. Gavin Stewart, W. Bro. C. W. Mulligan, Bros. B. J. Morgan, J. Malloy, James Stiff, G. Russell and several others of the Hamilton brethren visited Oakville for the purpose of consecrating and dedicating Oakville Lodge, No. 400, G. R. G. The visiting brethren were royally received, and after the Masonic ceremonies were over the D. D. G. M. and company adjourned to the Town Hall to a concert, after which the Oakville brethren grandly entertained the visitors to a sumptuous repast. The members of Oakville Lodge deserve congratulations upon the possession of one of the neatest and best equipped lodges in the district.

It is interesting at all times to note progress in every good work, and from the report of the Secretary of St. John's Lodge, No. 209a, it is gratifying to observe that that lodge still maintains its character as one of the most progressive in the West. During the year nine candidates were initiated, eight brethren passed and seven raised—twenty-four degrees in all conferred, as compared with sixty-eight during the preceding year. There were three deaths during 1883, two withdrawals, two suspensions and one restoration. The total number added to the roll for the same period was ten, and the total brethren in good standing at present is one hundred and thirty-four. There were nineteen