

every lodge, assembled to legislate for the good of their brothers, widows, and orphans, and I pray that God, our Great Grand President, will be with us during our deliberations in this Grand Session.

Having asked for the assistance and presence of our God, our next thought as Sons of England naturally turns to our beloved Queen, and to express our joy at the long life and continued health of our good and gracious Queen. And to give utterance to our gratification that we have entered the fiftieth or jubilee year of her benign reign, therefore we will pray for Victoria

Long to reign over us,
Happy and glorious,
God save the Queen.

And long will she reign in the heart of every Son of England.

During the year we have issued charters for five new lodges, viz.:—Chelsea, No. 37, London; Lancaster, No. 38, Bracebridge; Buckings, No. 39, Uxbridge; Yorkshire, No. 40, Montreal; and Victoria Jubilee, No. 41, Montreal.

I have been ably assisted by the District Deputies, who have made official visits and installed the officers of the lodges in their districts, and has been thereby a saving of money to the Grand Lodge, and I cannot let this occasion pass without returning them my sincere thanks for their readiness to assist me on all occasions when called upon, especially to Bros. Barker, of Toronto, and Twining, of Belleville Districts.

I have officially visited the following lodges and attended meetings as follows:—Middlesex, No. 2; Britannia, No. 8; Durham, No. 15; Chester, No. 18; Wellington, No. 19; Rose of Couchiching, No. 23; Lansdowne, No. 25; Acorn, No. 29; Excelsior, No. 36; Chelsea, No. 37. And attended with much pleasure the opening of Shaftesbury Hall, which will form an epoch in the history of our Order. I also accepted an invitation to attend the reception of the Knights of Pythias in Toronto. I have attended every meeting of the Executive and Finance, and have been more than repaid for my time at those meetings by the great growth of our Beneficiary department. I have written innumerable letters and answered many questions, of which none were so serious that I think they have appealed from my decision.

At the last meeting of the Grand Lodge a motion was carried that Cards of Instructions be issued for the use of officers of subordinate lodges; Bro. Kempling was the author of them, and, I believe, had them printed before the last Grand Lodge met, but after I commenced my duties as your representative and had copies of the cards sent to me, I considered it my duty to forbid them to be distributed, and I would ask that they be handed over to the Committee on Laws and Rituals.

On appeals—the Executive have brought two appeals from members of Stafford Lodge, Toronto, for consideration.