

the Acting-Grand Master, join with him in expressing their deepest regret at the great loss sustained by the Craft in the deaths of our late Grand Master and of our late Grand Secretary. To both of these brethren our time-honored Order has been mainly indebted, not only for its marked success but also for the harmonious working of the Grand Lodge of Canada.

The Board desire to unite in tendering their sympathies to the Grand Lodge of Ireland, on the occasion of the death of the late Grand Master, the Duke of Leinster, and in paying the well earned tribute of respect to the memory of those brethren of this Grand Lodge, who during the past year have been called from their labors, they recommend that memorial pages relating to those members of the Grand Lodge, whose deaths are so feelingly alluded to in the Acting-Grand Master's address, be inserted in the next annual report of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge.

The installation of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales is a cause of heartfelt pleasure to the Canadian brethren, and the Board are proud to learn that one who during his visit to Canada deservedly gained such personal popularity has been pleased to accept the exalted position of Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England.

It is a source of gratification to your Board to find that so many Masonic Halls have been dedicated, shewing that the lodges have materially increased in prosperity, while the fact of the Acting-Grand Master having been invited to lay the corner stones of Public Buildings affords pleasurable proof that the presence of the Craft is sought for to add dignity and importance to the occasion.

The granting of the several dispensations for new lodges, and especially the revival of the lodge so long dormant, show that under the present judicious administration the prospects of our Order are most encouraging, and call for the warmest congratulations of the Board.

The Board learn with much pleasure that R. W. Bro. J. K. Kerr has been appointed representative of the Grand Lodge of Utah, near this Grand Lodge, and that R. W. Bro. J. J. Mason has been accredited as the representative of the Grand Lodge of Kansas.

When the documents necessary for the recognition of the Grand Orient of Hungary, of the Grand Lodge of Wyoming, and of the Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island are received, this Board will cheerfully support the recommendation of the Acting-Grand Master.

Though the Grand Lodge of Manitoba just formed, has under its jurisdiction but three lodges, yet, your Board considering that while the brethren in Manitoba claim to have found a necessity for erecting a Grand Lodge in that sparsely settled country, and as they are the best judges of their own position, advise that the Grand Lodge of Canada do accord to the new Grand Lodge the right asked for and extend to them due recognition.

The Board duly recognize the very zealous and efficient manner in which Right Worshipful Brother Kerr has, since the death of our late lamented Grand Master, discharged the duties not only of that high and responsible office but also of the position of Deputy Grand Master and President of the Board of General Purposes; and they also bear testimony to the ability and industry evinced by the Acting-Grand Secretary, Right Worshipful Brother Mason, in the performance of the many services required of him, services which call for continuous and undivided attention.

WARRANTS.

The Board of General Purposes beg to report that they have made a thorough examination of the minute books and papers forwarded by the various lodges now working under dispensation mentioned below, and recommend that the Warrants be granted:

Chesterville Lodge, Chesterville, Ont.; Walker Lodge, Acton, Ont.; North Star Lodge, Owen Sound, Ont.; Alvinston Lodge, Alvinston, Ont.; Temple Lodge, Hamilton, Ont.; Orono Lodge, Orono, Ont.; Zetland Lodge, Toronto, Ont.; Hammond Lodge, Wardville, Ont.; Ionic Lodge, Napier, Ont.; King Solomon Lodge, Jarvis, Ont.; Corinthian Lodge, London East, Ont.; Fordwich Lodge, Fordwich Ont.; Stratford Lodge, Stratford, Ont.

In the matter of the application for the issue of a Warrant to Harman Lodge, Toronto. The Board having learned that the issue of the Warrant would be in opposition to the wishes of a large number of the brethren of that city, and having already recommended that a Warrant be issued to a new Lodge in the same city, they would recommend that another Warrant be not now granted.

In the matter of the application for the issue of a warrant to "Eden" Lodge, London, the Board recommend that a warrant be not granted, but that the M. W. the Grand Master be requested to issue his dispensation authorizing the officers and brethren named therein to pass and raise those already initiated in that lodge.