

able and satisfactory. It has thirtynine members, and has received an addition of seven the present year.

Trinity Lodge, at Clinton. This is one of the best Lodges in the District. It has forty members, and this year has initiated six. Their work is accurate and praiseworthy. Some of its best members were among the first to respond to the call for troops, and one of them, at least, Capt. Henry Bowman, Past Master of the Lodge, is now a prisoner in Richmond. May he soon be released to share in the speedy triumph of our arms, and to enjoy the well earned rewards of peace!

Montacute Lodge, at Worcester. It is hardly necessary for me to speak of this Lodge in detail, it has recently been honored by a visit from yourself and others, representatives of the Grand Lodge. The prominent event in its history, next to the granting of its Charter, was the recent dedication of its new hall, in which you did them the honor to take an active part. You had occasion to notice something of the interest which its officers and members manifest, and the promise they give of making it "a well deserving pillar" of the Order. It received fourteen initiates the present year, and has now a roll of seventyseven members.

United Brethren Lodge, at Marlborough, has fortyfour members, and admitted twentyone during the year; the largest number received by any single Lodge in the District. The work is of a very creditable character, and much zeal and spirit is manifested by the members. Several belonging to this Lodge are now absent in the army.

Quinebaug Lodge, at Southbridge. This is the youngest Lodge in the District. It is located in a pleasant and flourishing village, and enjoys the respect and confidence of the best class of its citizens. It has a membership of thirtyfive, and returns twelve new initiates. Both this and the preceding Lodge have abundantly rewarded the confidence of the Grand Lodge in granting them Charters, and I have no doubt they will prove to be among the most valuable branches of the Fraternity in the Commonwealth.

There have been made during the year eightyfive Masons in the District, and the several Lodges have contributed \$309 to the treasury of the Grand Lodge.

The usual watchfulness and prudence have been shown in the election of candidates, and I am sure the interests of Freemasonry will not suffer in the hands of those who have been admitted to its rites and privileges. In several instances, for good and sufficient reasons, I have granted Dispensations for conferring degrees in less time than the constitutional requirement—the candidates being considered worthy, and their imperative departure for the seat of war, with the regiments to which they were attached, rendering the exception in their favor at once advantageous to them and to the interests of the Fraternity wherever they may be called.

In closing this Report, I desire to acknowledge the courtesy and kindness which has been uniformly accorded to me in visiting the various Lodges in the District, and to bear testimony to the respect and loyalty which they all cherish to the Grand Lodge, as the ultimate and supreme authority in all matters relating to Masonic jurisprudence. Grateful for the distinction you have conferred upon me,

I remain, respectfully and Fraternaly yours,

HENRY GODDARD, D. D. G. M. 6th District.