

and good Masons. He was proud to be called upon to address such an audience, yet he felt sorry that he could not do better in responding to the call made upon him.

M. W. Bro. John H. Graham, P.G. M. Grand Lodge of Quebec, returned the hearty thanks of the Masons of the Province of Quebec to the Masons of Vermont, for the reception tendered them upon this invasion of their jurisdiction. He wished, on the part not only of himself but of all the Quebec Masons, to extend a hearty invitation to the Masons of Vermont to visit them, to come whenever they might be able to do so, and to bring along their wives and their sweethearts, and they would find a hearty welcome. Whether they visited them upon the heights of Mount Royal, upon the banks of the Magog, or upon the plains of Abraham, they would be received with open arms. There is a warm feeling ever prevailing amongst all Quebec Masons for Vermonters, and has ever been since the history of Masonry in Canada. There is a brotherly feeling—a feeling as though they were one people, united and inseparable. It must not be forgotten that 276 years ago Samuel Champlain, the founder of Quebec, himself a member of the Mystic Craft, sailed up the lake which he then discovered and which bears his name to-day. This feeling is not confined alone to the sturdy sons of Vermont. There is a warm feeling in their hearts for the ladies of Vermont, and as he looked at this gathering he thought that feeling for some of them was growing deeper and stronger. The old refrain so often heard was particularly fitting at this time:—

"For no mortal can more  
The ladies adore  
Than Free and Accepted Masons."

He was frequently interrupted during his remarks by outbursts of applause.

Letters of regret for inability to be present were read; among others, from M. W. Bros. E. R. Johnston,

G. M.; Thomas White, P. G. M.; R. W. Bro. J. Fred. Walker, D. G. M.; and W. M. LeMessurier, P. D. D. G. M.

A resolution was then offered by Rev. Bro. Nye, pastor of St. James' Church, Bedford, seconded by R. W. Bro. Renshaw, of Montreal, and unanimously carried, thanking the Masons of Vermont for the reception tendered and Brothers Frank W. Baxter and Alfred A. Hall for the addresses delivered.

### NEW SOUTH WALES.

From present appearances, this new Grand Jurisdiction is in a most prosperous condition.

Five new Lodges were constituted during April last, and at the quarterly communication of Grand Lodge held in March, the Grand Secretary reported that during the past quarter, seven charters had been granted, and that since the formation of Grand Lodge some 1,700 initiates had been recorded. Notice of recognition had been received from the Grand Lodge of Delaware, U. S. A.

The M. M. G. M., Dr. H. J. Tarant, informed the Grand Lodge that he had waited on the acting Colonial Secretary, and offered, on behalf of the Masons of N. S. W., the sum of £500, to the fund for the relief of widows and orphans of soldiers sent from New South Wales to the Soudan.

Aspley Lodge, No. 98, N. S. W., was constituted March 14th, at Walcha, with the following as first principal officers:—W. M., Bro. Hardaker; S. W., Bro. Head; J. W., Bro. Dean.

Another new Lodge named Harmony, No. 99, was constituted also by the Deputy Grand Master, at Tamworth, with the following officers: W. M., Bro. L. F. Harcus, P. M.; S. W., Bro. Nathan Cohen; J. W., Bro. J. Barnard; Treas., Bro. L. H. Hyman; Sec., Bro. B. G. Cohen; S. D., Bro. J. K. Doyle; J. D., Bro. H. N. Garvin; I. G., Bro. C. H. Bissaker.

An elegant banquet was spread at the close of the ceremonies.