

At the conclusion of the ceremony, the Town Council, School Board, the Masons and invited guests, repaired to one of the barrack buildings for lunch, which latter was gotten up in a style to reflect credit upon those entrusted with the duty. Nearly two hundred persons sat down to the tables, Jas. Dougall, Esq., occupying the chair, supported on the right by R. W. Bro. John Tracy, and Rev. J. Philp, and on his left by U. S. Consul Swift and Rev. J. Gray. The Mayor, and Messrs. Horne, McDonald, Shipley and Alex. Bartlet, occupied the vice-chairs. The usual loyal and patriotic toasts were proposed and eloquently responded to, and we regret that our space prevents us from reporting the same. The meeting was finally brought to a close, all giving unmistakable evidence that they were "Happy to meet, sorry to part, and happy to meet again."

COMMUTATION OF DUES.—There seems to be a general interest awakened on this subject. The numerous suspensions and expulsions for non-payment of dues, and the troubles and labor of collecting annual dues, have induced an inquiry whether some plan may not be devised to avoid it. Some lodges have already adopted the system of commutation, as noticed in a previous number of the *Review*, and others are considering it. The Grand Lodge of Ohio, at its late session, adopted a resolution authorizing its subordinates to incorporate such a rule in their by-laws, when deemed proper, provided the sum to be paid was not less than fifteen dollars.

We are very much inclined to think the plan feasible, and that it will be found to work well in practice. Of course it should be left to the option of the members of *old* lodges: in the organization of *new* lodges, it will be easier to make the rule absolute.—*Review Cincinnati.*

So long as Masonry was too limited in numbers to afford a temptation for corrupt and designing men to ally their fortunes with its destinies, just so long was it relatively pure.

At Rest.

DIED.—At Canning, Ontario, on the 25rd, September last, after an illness of six weeks duration, Bro. Robert B. Harris, School Teacher, aged 32 years.

Our late brother both as friend and teacher was very highly esteemed by all to whom he was known, and his loss is deeply regretted. His scholastic attainments were of a high order and he possessed in an eminent degree the art of communicating knowledge to others. He was beloved by his neighbors and his pupils alike, and was kind and generous even to a fault. At the time of his decease our late brother was Senior Warden of St. John's Lodge, No. 82 Paris, which office he filled faithfully and well. His remains were interred with Masonic honors, a large number of the Craft attending to pay the last sad offices of respect to departed merit.

DIED.—At Port Hope, Ontario, on the 17th, instant, Bro. W. A. Macfarlane, late Secretary of Ontario Lodge No. 26.

Our deceased brother was well and favorably known in the town in which he resided, and his remains were followed to their last resting place by a large number of brethren. The impressive burial service of our order was conducted by W. Bro. J. B. Trayes, assisted by R. W. Bro. J. Wright, D. D. G. M. Ontario District.