

regalia of the dormant Lodge of the 46th in keeping of Bro. Capt. Child, and becoming desirous, if possible, of starting under the aegis of such an historical charter applied to him for a transfer of the warrant and regalia in order that they might continue the work as a permanent semi-military or garrison Lodge in Montreal."

As there were no members of the old Lodge left except himself, and as no meetings had been held for more than twelve years, Capt. Childs agreed to part with the old warrant of Aug. 2nd, 1834, jewels and regalia, (but not the Bible, square and compasses). Shepherd and his associates then applied to the Grand Lodge of Ireland for a renewal but were informed that the old Lodge was extinct, and that it was in arrears for many years for dues. They agreed however to issue a new warrant, fee (£7) with the old number (then vacant) and the name selected by the petitioners. (Robertson, vol. ii, p. 661) and on July 1st, 1847, a warrant was issued to Shepherd, W. Robinson and R. Balfour, the Lodge being afterwards constituted in March, 1848, when its officers were installed. The Lodge afterwards changed its name to The Lodge of Antiquity, and is now No. 1, on the Registry of Quebec.

Capt. Childs, the only survivor of the old Lodge, did not become a member of the new Lodge. It is clear from the correspondence in Robertson's History that he had lost all hope of ever reviving the old Lodge, and was merely assisting the Montreal brethren to form a Lodge in that city. It is equally clear from the correspondence that the former members of the Lodge thought the Lodge was extinct. In a letter written in 1852, by Bro. P. C. Nicholson, Chaplain of the regiment to the W. M. of the Lodge of Virtue, Manchester, (Robertson, p. 644) he refers to Capt. Child as custodian of the Bible, "which he never permits to be far out of his sight, it having been placed in his custody when the Lodge of the 46th Regiment was dissolved, some years ago in Halifax, N. S." The context indicates that he got his facts from Capt. Child.

It is submitted that the old Lodge was not revived by the action of the Montreal brethren and that the present Lodge of Antiquity is no older than July 1st, 1847. The old Lodge had ceased working thirteen years before. There was but one member of the Lodge left and he was custodian of the regalia, etc., there was no intention that the Lodge