

its influences becomes more and more apparent; opinions and practices that have long prevailed, and by which stability has been acquired and prosperity achieved, are too frequently chafed and fretted, even in the house of their friends. The deed long since done, and the word expressed, finds no favor in the eyes of the self-appointed and self-styled reformer; ready with motions to amend or to correct, the whole Body of the Fraternity is plunged into the whirl of debate without any corresponding benefit.

Hasty and unnecessary legislation begets evils greater than it seeks to correct; trifles magnified, become mountains without weight; brushing these aside, we come to this conclusion, that the action of the General Grand Chapter was hasty and ill-advised, taken without any previous notice having been given to the representatives, unless it may be considered sufficient to have referred to it in 1868; but its members in 1871 were many of them new, their several Grand Chapters had not been consulted; the question was discussed by those prepared for it, and wishing a change; hence, through indifference, hesitation and doubt, all apparently like nothing, against the advocacy of Companions Mackey and Pike, a conclusion was reached which can not be sustained by the facts of Tradition, of History, of Science, or of Masonry.

We therefore recommend that this Grand Chapter continue to instruct in the Ritual in the future, as it has in the past, believing that the interests of Royal Arch Masonry will be the best promoted by protecting the Landmarks against innovation, and transmitting, unimpaired, the traditions received from the founders of the Order in the Old World, as well as in the New.

It is also recommended, That it will not violate any allegiance to this Grand Chapter, if its subordinates shall instruct their members in the way and manner of the change attempted to be made by the General Grand Chapter; to the end that they may be skilled workers wherever they may visit.

On motion of M. E. John McCellan it was *voted*, That the report be accepted and the recommendation adopted.—*St. Louis Freemason.*

NOVA SCOTIA.—At the Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nova Scotia, held at Masonic Hall, Halifax, on Wednesday, June 4th, A. L. 5873, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

M. W. the Hon. A. L. Keith, P. L. C. Grand Master; R. W. William Taylor, Deputy Grand Master; R. W. F. W. Dakin, Senior Grand Warden, R. W. David Pettinger, Junior Grand Warden; R. W. A. K. McKinlay, Grand Treasurer; R. W. Benjamin Curren, Grand Secretary; K. W. Robert C. Hamilton, Grand Lecturer; R. W. Rev. J. B. Richardson, Grand Chaplain; R. W. Rev. R. Avery, Grand Chaplain; R. W. Rev. J. Richey, Grand Chaplain; R. W. Bro. Rev. W. Ross, Grand Chaplain; R. W. Rev. A. Nicolson, Grand Chaplain; V. W. Arthur Fletcher, Senior Grand Deacon; V. W. A. H. Woodhill, M. D. Junior Grand Deacon; V. W. J. W. Rubland, Grand Superintendent of Works; V. W. R. C. Fraser, Grand Director of Ceremonies; V. W. J. W. Chase, Grand Sword Bearer; V. W. Rev. J. O'Banyoun, Grand Organist; V. W. J. R. Thomas, Grand Pursuivant; V. W. R. L. Black, Grand Steward; V. W. J. R. McLearn, Grand Steward; V. W. J. Moore, M. D., Grand Steward; V. W. J. Martin, Grand Steward; V. W.—McKenzie, Grand Steward; V. W. R. Veith, Grand Steward; V. W. John M. Taylor, Grand Tyler.