

OUR SISTER GRAND LODGES.

R. W. Bro. Batchelor, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, writes us to say that the reference to the question of regalia in Blue Lodges, in the report of one of the D. D. Grand Masters, upon which we commented in our last, ought not to be taken as the expression of the opinion of that Grand Lodge, being simply the individual opinion of the D. D. G. M., urged in defence against certain reviewers of his previous report. We are glad to learn that this is the case; as we can but repeat that, to permit the latitudinarianism in dress, advocated in the report in question, would be a serious breach of propriety.

NOVA SCOTIA.

We are in receipt of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, for the year ending with the *Annual Communication*, held in June last. Our maritime brethren follow the English practice of Quarterly Communications, and the volume before us commences with that convened on the 11th September, 1868. The only incident of general interest at that Communication, was the passage of resolutions, assuming on behalf of Grand Lodge the inherent right of exclusive jurisdiction over the Province, and requiring all Lodges to govern themselves accordingly before the 24th June following. Fortunately, for the peace and harmony of the Craft, all difficulties were removed before that time.

The next Quarterly Communication was held at Halifax, on the 11th December, thirteen Lodges being represented. Warrants were granted to three Lodges working under Dispensation. Some changes were proposed in the Constitution of Grand Lodge, and the clause relating to regalia of Grand Lodge was adopted; after which Grand Lodge was closed—no special reference having been made to the differences existing among the Craft.

On the 8th January, an emergency meeting of Grand Lodge was held, for the purpose of submitting a proposition as a basis of union with the District Grand Lodge of England. Our readers have already had the opportunity of reading the articles of agreement, and a mere summary of them will be sufficient here :

The preamble recites that in order to cement the two masonic bodies of the Province, it is necessary that certain concessions be made by both parties; and then proceeds to lay down the principles of agreement. Each Grand Lodge, it was provided, should meet under its respective banners, on the 24th June, at such place as might be mutually agreed upon. The distribution of voting power was then defined, and it was declared that the first business to be taken up should be the