

CORRESPONDENCE.

next annual session of the Grand Lodge. It is the grandest undertaking ever attempted by the Masons of Connecticut, and when completed and in active operation, as it surely will be, there will be nothing the fraternity will look to with as much pride as the Masonic Home of Connecticut. *Loomis's Masonic Journal.*

Exclusive Grand Lodge Sovereignty.

We deem the following historical evidence thereanent from the records of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, of date one hundred and nineteen years ago, to be very important. It is taken from the appendix to the recent annual address of the G. M. of Quebec:

"In response to a suggestion of Bro. Jacob Morton, U. S. A., made through the London *Freemason* of date July 23, 1881, *re* 'Preston's Mother Lodge,' R. W. Bro. D. Murray Lyon, Grand Secretary of Scotland (very *opportunately*, for many reasons), published over his official signature, in the succeeding issue of that excellent Masonic paper, the following extract from the minutes of a quarterly communication of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, held at Edinburgh on the 8th day of February, 1763, and presided over by Charles, Earl of Elgin and Kincardine, Most Worshipful Grand Master. It seems that at that early day, the Grand Lodge of Scotland paid due respect to the exclusive sovereignty of the Grand Lodge of England":—

EXCERPT OF MINUTE.

"Read the petition of William Leslie and others, brethren residing in London, praying a charter of constitution from the Grand Lodge of Scotland, which being considered, the Grand Lodge declined giving them any charter, in regard it would interfere with the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of England, but declared their willingness to recommend

them to the Grand Lodge of England in case they should think proper to apply for a charter from thence."

Grand Lodge of Quebec.

Important Constitutional Amendments.

At the late annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, the Grand Master moved the following important amendment to their constitution, which was unanimously adopted:—

"Any lodge which has been established by warrant from this Grand Lodge in any territory in which a Grand Lodge did not exist, and which does not take part in the lawful establishment of a Grand Lodge within said territory, shall thereby forfeit said warrant and all the rights and privileges appertaining thereto, unless within one year after the lawful establishment of a Grand Lodge within such territory, the said lodge shall become of obedience to the Grand Lodge of the territory within which it is established."

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We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions of our Correspondents.

Mixed Funerals.

To the Editor of THE CRAFTSMAN.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have often thought that there is a great deal of bigotry amongst the Craft regarding the question of Masonic funerals. Why should the Masons object to participate as Masons at the burial of a brother, because previous to his death he requested to have some other service read over the grave in addition to the Masonic? The Masons could read theirs first and then step on one side, and wait respectfully till the other society had read theirs. To refuse to wear a Masonic badge, because other societies desire to show respect to their brother, is too arrogant and selfish. My opinion is that