

of dedication, Grand Lodge was duly constituted with the following officers: M. W. Bro. Otto Klotz, as Grand Master; R. W. Bro. Col. Kerns, D. D. G. M., as Deputy Grand Master; R. W. Bro. Curtis, as Grand S. W.; R. W. Bro. W. D. Hepburn, as G. J. W.; W. Bro. Capt. Campbell, G. Treas.; V. W. Bro. Dr. Secord, G. Sec.; W. Bro. P. Buckley, G. S. D.; W. Bros. W. Fields, B. Bell, Wm. Watt, jr., and C. Haas, G. Stewards; Bro. W. B. Wood, Grand Chaplain, and M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray, P. G. M., as Director of Ceremonies.

After the Lodge had been dedicated in due and ancient form, the visiting brethren were entertained in the usual hospitable style of the St. George brethren at the Cummings House.

The chair was occupied by W. Bro. Dr. Kitchen, and the vice-chair by Bro. J. P. Lawrason, S. W.; and after full justice had been done to the ample repast provided, the usual toasts followed. Short and appropriate speeches were made by M. W. Bro. Murray, P. G. M.; M. W. Bro. Klotz, P. G. M.; R. W. Bro. Kerns, D. D. G. M.; R. W. Bros. Curtis, Hepburn, Buckley, Allan, Secord, Watt, Campbell, W. B. Wood, M. P. P., S. G. Lawrason, Poole and others; while the Glee Club furnished appropriate music. The proceedings of a very pleasant and enjoyable evening closed about midnight.

POPERY OR MASONRY?

There is nothing in the Catholic religion which is adverse to Masonry; for the truth is that Masonry embodies "that religion in which all men agree." This is as true as that all veritable religion, wherever found, is in substance the same. Neither is it "in the power of any man or body of men" to make it otherwise. Doctrines and forms of observances conformable to piety, imposed by spiritual overseers, may be as various as the courses of the winds; and like the latter may war with each other upon

the face of the whole earth; but they are not religion.

Bigotry and zeal—the assumptions of priestcraft, with all its countless inventions to magnify and impress the world with its own importance and the necessity of its rule over the minds of men, are ever the main-springs of strife, hatred and revenge, which defame and banish religion and its inseparable virtues; and work unspeakable mischief wherever mankind are found upon the earth.

Poperity and priestcraft are so allied that they may be called the same; the truth being that the former is nothing more nor less than a special case of the latter; being a particular form of evolution of the same vicious principle; which itself is but the offspring of the conceit of self-sufficiency and the lust of dominion. Nothing which can be named is more repugnant to the spirit of Masonry—nothing is to be more carefully guarded against; and this has always been well understood by all skilful Masters; and it must in truth be said that such is the wisdom of the lessons, and so admirable the order of the Ancient Craft Lodge, that these pernicious influences have hitherto been kept under better subjection throughout all bodies of the institution, than in any other equal to it in antiquity and the multitude of its votaries. Nevertheless, Masons must not flatter themselves with the self-delusive notion which has deceived the supporters of all orders and establishments of the world; that they can "take a bond" of human nature to hold them harmless against the delinquency and folly common to the race.

There always glides into every association or community of whatever kind, a lurking disposition to assume and extend more and more oversight and control over individuals and subordinate bodies if any, and to multiply provisions and prescriptions concerning conduct and belief, not called for or warranted by the principles of the fundamental law; or in-