

in by not a few other Brethren, good friends of Quebec, both here and in Great Britain, that the consummation devoutly desired, may be peacefully and fraternally realized at an early day." So mote it be.

Dr. Graham having been Grand Master for nine years, gracefully declined a re-election, much to the regret of Grand Lodge.

The Grand Lodge having for several years been debarred from making Past Grand Masters by actual service, concluded to make two, *pro honore*.

"Whilst on the subject of 'honorary membership,' and recognizing to the fullest extent the principle that only on very rare occasions, and then only for great services rendered to the Craft, should the position be granted, your committee would recommend that in recognition of many years of faithful service to the Order of Freemasonry in all its grades and rites, the honor of Past Grand Master of this Grand Lodge be conferred on our esteemed and talented brother, Col. W. J. B. MacLeod Moore, and also on our worthy brother, R. W. George O. Tyler, whose many untiring services are well known to every brother now here assembled in Grand Lodge."

Bro. J. Fred. Walker presented the Correspondence Report. It is well put together after the digest plan. We copy his remarks on the "higher degrees":—

"Why trouble ourselves about these 'higher degrees'? We do not legislate for them. If the best men in the Craft hold positions in any particular Rite, others are sure to wish to be associated with them; if, on the contrary, the Rite is not controlled

by those in whom we have confidence, our craze for higher degrees will hardly be strong enough to prevent due inquiry from those in whom we have confidence."

The following concerning practical charity, is worth consideration:—

"Brethren, try the experiment; when you go home, look around you for some Mason's orphan, adopt it as the ward of your lodge, and send it to school in your neighborhood school; keep it there until it is sufficiently far advanced to enter a High School, and then send it to St. John's or some other good school, and you will, by and by, feel proud of this child of the lodge, and it will love and honor its guardians, and always bless you for your kindness to it when unable to do for itself."

Number of lodges, 59; membership, 2,768. M. W. E. R. Johnson, Grand Master, Stanstead; R. W. John H. Isaacson, Grand Secretary, Montreal.

#### PUBLIC CANVASSING.

We have always been opposed to the pernicious system of public canvassing resorted to by so many Masons during the excitement of elections in Grand Lodge and other Supreme Masonic organizations. We are diametrically opposed to it, and think that a brother who asks another for his vote, should, *on principle*, be voted against. Our feelings having always been in this direction, we regret to notice that a certain clique in Toronto are already manipulating, wire-pulling and log-rolling regarding the next occupant of the Grand East, and we still more regret that our Masonic Toronto contemporary has