

quarterly meetings of the Grand Lodge of England, the scenes enacted were more like those of a newly-formed territorial legislature, where rules of debate were unknown. Happily, those who fought for Canada were in the end successful. The days of storm and darkness gave way to those of peace and light. The Grand Lodge of Canada was formed, old scores were blotted out, new friendships were made, and, as a result, a perfect organization, that reflects credit on those who have raised it to its present standard of excellence, the peer of any sovereign craft organization in the world.

We all, on this side of the line, have kindly feelings for our Canadian brethren. They mingle with us in our lodge and social meetings, and whatever may be their views of civil and political government, in the work of Masonry they are as one with us. We welcome them with open arms, and feel that, as they enter our lodge rooms and sit with us, whether at labor or refreshment, they are co-workers in one cause, that which brings men together for good will and friendship, and links them in an indissoluble bond for the good of humanity at large.

A VERITABLE MASONIC MARRIAGE.

The beautiful new church of St. George's, Jesmond, Newcastle, England, was, on the 5th ult., the scene of a thoroughly masonic wedding, the bridegroom being Bro. William Faucett, shipowner, Newcastle, the bride, Miss Laura Renwick. The ceremony was performed by Bro. the Rev. T. B. Nichols, P.M., of Priory Lodge 1863, P.P.G.S.W. (of which lodge the bridegroom is S. D.), assisted by Bro. the Rev. Canon Pennefather, P.P.G. chap., vicar of the parish. The bride was given away by her brother (Bro. Geo. Renwick, J.P.). Bro. C. H. S. Sherlock presided at the organ, and played the Wedding March. A large number of Masonic brethren were present. After the ceremony the bridal party,

accompanied by the brethren, returned to the residence of Bro. Geo. Renwick, where the wedding breakfast was provided, to which ample justice was done. Among the presents which were both numerous and costly, may be mentioned a beautiful drawing-room timepiece, from the brethren of Priory Lodge 1863.

A LIVE MASONIC TOWN.

We know of few cities in the Northwest to which the expression sometimes used, "a live Masonic town," better applies than to Fargo, Dakota, says the *Master Mason*. Lodge, Chapter, Commandery and Scottish Rite bodies are all active and thriving. Work is being constantly done and the material wrought upon is substantial and, we trust, will prove enduring. Maj. Fleming, F. J. Thompson and other brethren, who have had much to do with the shaping of Masonry throughout Dakota, have their homes here and are "prophets" with honor even in their own city. Indeed, to the faithful, efficient, and self-sacrificing efforts of Brother Thompson the brethren whom we met accorded much of the credit due for the strength and proportions which the Order has attained there. We are glad to know that he will wield the reporter's pen again this year as chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

BRO. GEORGE WASHINGTON.

We are pleased to see that the Masons of New York propose to commemorate, a year hence, the centennial of the inauguration of Brother George Washington as first president of the United States. One of their lodges possesses the Bible upon which the oath of office was administered to Washington, and three other lodges in the jurisdiction are named in his honor. The following curious fact is, we think, not at all widely known:

"The day after Washington's death the clock in the Masonic Lodge at