

applied to be recommended to the Royal Arch Frontenac Chapter, which was unanimously agreed to." We have before noticed this excellent regulation: that all applicants for Royal Arch Masonry should be recommended by their Lodge. This did not do away with the regulation that the candidate must present his petition to the Chapter in the usual way, but was intended as an additional precaution against the admission of unsound members; and that it was not an idle form, we gather from a minute of the following September, when two members having applied for the necessary recommendation to enter the Chapter, it was granted to one and refused to the other.

On 5th March, 1824, the By-law committee presented their report, with the By-laws as revised by them, which was "unanimously approved, and the By-laws ordered to be printed."

On the 17th May the "Lodge met, agreeable to notice being given, "for the purpose of assisting in laying the corner-stone of a new gaol and court house, now being erected in this town. The Lodge opened "upon the third degree of Masonry, for the dispatch of business. The "Lodge, being summoned to wait upon the Deputy Prov. Grand Lodge "at Bro. Olcott's, then proceeded to wait on them, and from thence to "the ground appropriated for the gaol and court house, and from thence "to Walker's Hotel, to refresh, and then conducted the Grand Lodge to "the Lodge-room; the Lodge then returned to their Lodge-room."

Nothing further is recorded of this interesting ceremony, except the names of those who were present. This building was demolished about ten years since, to make way for the custom house, which is built on its site; but, some time previous to this, the articles which had been deposited in the corner-stone were removed, and used in laying the foundation stone of the new court house,—which ceremony was also performed by St. John's Lodge.

On the 3rd of June, "the Lodge assembled at half-past five, a. m., for the purpose of proceeding to Bath, to assist in laying the foundation stone of a Masonic Hall. The Lodge proceeded to Bath (18 miles), and returned next day.

On the 3rd Feb., 1825, a committee was named, "to examine all the old papers now in the chest of the Lodge, and to destroy all unnecessary ones; and that the committee have power to employ a brother Master Mason, of this Lodge, to make out a regular register of all brethren who have been initiated, passed and raised, and also of members joining from the foundation of this Lodge to the present time," &c. This very necessary work does not appear to have been done at this time, or, if it was, is not now in existence; but the Lodge possesses a very complete register notwithstanding; the arduous work of examining the old records, and compiling the register, was performed by two of the present members of the Lodge about twenty years since, and I have no doubt