

Grand Master within a month a summary of the minutes of every Provincial Grand Lodge, with the names of all brethren appointed to Provincial Grand office, and the names and numbers of the Lodges to which they belong, also their respective residences. To have the duties of the office properly performed he may appoint a deputy to execute all the functions of the office in his name, and may for this purpose invest him by patent under his hand and seal with all the requisite powers during pleasure. He must transmit, in writing, the name and place of abode of his deputy to all the Lodges in his district, and also to the Grand Secretary, in order to have him registered within one month of his appointment and at the same time specify whether he intends the business of the Province to be transacted by himself or deputy.

The Provincial Grand Master, or his deputy, must be responsible that the Provincial Grand Lodge does not exceed its lawful powers. He is therefore to cause correct minutes of all proceedings to be kept, and to produce them to Grand Master or Grand Lodge when required.

The Deputy Provincial Grand Master must have previously served as Master in a regular Lodge, and be resident within the province, and a subscribing member to a Lodge therein, and regularly authorized by patent to hold office during pleasure.* He is invested with the rank of a Deputy Grand Master within the Province, "and presides," unless the Provincial Grand Master be present, in any Lodge he may visit within his district. He is not ex-officio a member of Grand Lodge, and possesses no rank outside of his district, although entitled to wear the clothing of a Provincial Grand officer in all Masonic Meetings. The Grand Master of England may confer on Provincial Grand Masters in Colonies and foreign parts a power of dispensation in cases of emergency to advance a brother to a higher degree at an interval of one week, instead of four weeks. The Grand Secretary is to furnish Provincial Grand Masters for colonies or foreign districts Grand Lodge certificates (with the necessary alterations in form) signed and sealed, but left blank in other respects, the blanks to be filled up by the Provincial Grand Master, or by his order, with the names and dates of the brethren initiated, &c., by Lodges within his Province or District, or of such brethren as shall affiliate with such Lodges as set forth in returns made to him, which Grand Lodge certificates shall have attached to them the seal of the Provincial Grand Lodge and be countersigned by the Provincial Grand Master, or his Deputy, and by the Provincial Grand Secretary.

These various powers are conferrable by the English Constitution on a Provincial

Grand Master or his Deputy in addition to those that are conferred by the Quebec Constitution on our D.D.G.Ms., and it is by confounding one office with the other that our present uncertain position has been produced. No doubt the bulk of the Masons in Ontario and Quebec were brought to light under English warrants, and hence, when the Grand Lodge of Canada was established, the office of D.D.G.M. was supposed by unthinking Masons to possess the attributes of the English Provincial Grand Master, and thus the erroneous doctrine has been transmitted to our time. One thing is certain that the framers of the Quebec Constitution never intended to, nor did they, seemingly, confer on our D.D.G.Ms. any such extensive powers as are enjoyed by the English Provincial Grand Master.

One point I want to draw special attention to is the matter of presiding in Lodges as referred to by both Constitutions. The English Constitution, in speaking of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, says "He presides in any Lodge he may visit," &c. Nothing can be clearer than this, but the Quebec Constitution has it, "He may preside," which is not just the same thing in my estimation.

For the sake of future peace and harmony let us get these matters fraternally arranged, and so give a quietus to

VENTILATION.

Ancient Landmark Lodge, No. 3, G.R.M., Winnipeg: I.P.M., W. Bro. J. M. McGregor; W.M., W. Bro. D. B. Murray; S.W., Bro. J. O. LeCappelle; J. W., Bro. R. W. A. Rolph; Treasurer, Bro. D. Young; Secretary, Bro. G. E. Fulthorpe; Chaplain, Bro. T. J. Agnew; Organist, Bro. D. Carey; S. D., Bro. W. H. Saunders; J. D., Bro. Thos. Manley; S. S., Bro. P. Sawler; J. S., Bro. W. Hill; Tyler, Bro. C. M. Murray; D. of C., Bro. W. Blackmore.

Ashlar Lodge, No. 3, G.R.B.C., Nansimo, installed by W. Bro. Samuel Drake: I.P. M., W. Bro. Samuel Drake; W.M., W. Bro. William Stewart; S.W., Bro. Eric B. McKay; J. W., Bro. John Frame; Treasurer, Bro. Alex. Mayers; Secretary, Bro. James A. Abrams; Organist, W. Bro. Mark Bate; S. D., Bro. C. N. Young; J. D., Bro. David Davis; S. S., Bro. Thomas Barlow; J. S., Charles Bennie; I. G., Bro. Joseph Trumper; Tyler, Bro. John Mahrer; D. of C., W. Bro. Samuel Drake, P. M.

Cariboo Lodge, No. 4, G.R.B.C., Barkerville, installed by W. Bro. P. M. Nutt: W. M., W. Bro. Alex. Lindsay; S. W., Bro. H. McDermott; J. W., Bro. W. Rennie; Treasurer, Bro. A. Pendola; Secretary, Bro. Jos. H. St. Laurent; S. D., Bro. B. Van Volkenburgh; J. D., Bro. C. Hagerman; I. G., Bro. John Williams; Tyler, Bro. Charles Paulsen.