

or at any future time, be permitted in the jurisdiction. The amendment was carried.

A motion was brought forward abolishing the degree of Past Master, always conferred upon the Master elect, but an amendment referring the matter to the Board of General Purposes was carried.

From the statistical portion of the proceedings we glean the following:—Lodges in the jurisdiction 40, including one in Morocco.

Members, Dec. 1887	1623
Initiated	159
Passed	115
Raised	120
Joined	103
Reinstated	33
Rejected	20
Demitted	131
Suspended N.P.D	129
Died	23
Members, Dec., 1888	1704
Increase for 1888	105

The lodge reporting largest membership was Ancient Landmark, No. 3, 175; the smallest, King Solomon, No. 8, 13. The warrant of Saskatchewan lodge was returned, thus adding 35 to the army of non-affiliates.

Rev. Canon James D. O'Meara, Winnipeg, is Grand Master, William G. Scott, Winnipeg, Grand Secretary.

GRAND LODGE OF QUEBEC.

In the February issue of THE CRAFTSMAN we devoted considerable space to the annual meeting of this Grand Lodge, which held its nineteenth communication on January 30 and 31. We then gave copious extracts from the Grand Master's address and the list of the newly-elected officers. From a printed copy of the proceedings, kindly forwarded by Bro. John H. Isaacson, Grand Secretary, we gather additional particulars of the business then transacted.

An appeal case came before the Com-

mittee on Jurisprudence, based upon the following:—A brother was suspended from a lodge for attending it while intoxicated, "to the scandal and disgrace of the craft." At the trial the accused denied the charge but the committee held it sustained, hence the appeal. Among the grounds for appeal was one that the evidence was insufficient to reach a verdict. The lodge failed to forward "all papers, documents and evidence, forming the record of the trial," to Grand Lodge, and consequently in face of the denial by the accused the Committee on Jurisprudence had no material at their disposal to combat his statement, and therefore recommended that action be deferred until the next meeting of the Grand Lodge, as they had no desire to injure the accused nor to restore him to membership in opposition to the action of the lodge.

A resolution was adopted leading to the appointment of a committee to revise the constitution, the committee to report at next meeting of Grand Lodge.

The Committee on the State of Masonry congratulated "Grand Lodge on having already endorsed the Grand Master's recommendations to accept mediation in regard to the questions at issue between this Grand Lodge and the Grand Lodge of England, and upon securing as mediator such an eminent and able brother as M. W. Bro. Walkem, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada in Ontario."

Referring to the progress of the Order the same committee reported: "At the formation of Grand Lodge we had a membership of about 1,200. From that to the present time we have initiated 4,200, affiliated 900, besides which our membership was considerably increased when lodges under Canada and Scotland threw in their lot with us. Our actual membership to-day is 2,912, showing during these years upwards of 2,000 withdrawals, 1,600 suspensions, and about 450 deaths. There were also about 270 restorations."