

CANADIAN MASONIC NEWS.

The Grand Master of Virginia was recently asked:—"What are the duties of a lodge or its members towards a brother who is sick?" Instead of patiently answering the question in a page and a half, he replied by sending a copy of the New Testament to his correspondent.

It was reported at a recent meeting of Alpha Lodge, Toronto, that the widow of a late brother—who was not a member of Alpha—found it difficult to pay the funeral expenses, etc., of her late husband. In less than five minutes \$52 was collected for her in the lodge room. This sum will no doubt be increased.

R. W. Bro. J. G. Burns, D.D.G.M. Toronto District, installed the following officers of Orient Lodge:—W. Bro. Ira Bates, W. M.; Brs. J. McP. Ross, S. W.; David Hunter, J. W.; Major J. W. Lewis, Treasurer; F. H. Anderson, Secretary; Dr. Clark, Chaplain; James Hewitt, S. D.; W. B. Poulton, J. D.; Chas. Ferguson, S. S.; Joseph Smith, J. S.; George Cook, Tyler; James McKerrow, I. G.; H. Parry, Organist.

V. W. Bro. F. Gallow installed the following officers of Rehoboam Lodge, No. 65, Toronto:—D. H. Watt, W. M.; Andrew Park, I. P. M.; E. F. Clarke, S. W.; M. Gibb, J. W.; Archibald McLaughlin, Chap.; F. Gallow, Treasurer; Wm. Fitzgerald, Sec'y; D. H. Manning, S. D.; Alex. Hawley, J. D.; J. E. Pearson, D. of C.; Alfred Hurst, S. S.; W. Guile, J. S.; James Bond, I. G. Brs. L. Gibb, sr., and J. B. Nixon were appointed auditors, A. W. Carkeek and A. Park representatives on the hall board, and R. Dennis representative on the benevolent board. The retiring Master was presented by the new Master, on behalf of the lodge, with a P. M's jewel.

We understand that R. W. Bro. Alex. Manning, D. G. M. of the Grand Lodge of New South Wales, and R. W. Bro. James Hunt, P. D. G. M. and President of the Board of General Purposes of the same, being members of Oriental Rose Croix Chapter, No. 1, G. R. N. S. W., and No. 17, G. R. O., have been appointed, in compliance with the rules of the Constitution, Past Deputy Grand Masters-General of the Sovereign Sanctuary of Canada.

GRAND CHAPTER OF QUEBEC AND GRAND MARK LODGE.—The *Masonic Home*, after quoting M. E. Comp. Robertson's manifesto anent the so-called Mark Lodges in Quebec, says: "From the *ex parte* statements we have in this official document, it really seems as if Old England has been guilty of an outrage. Why will not Grand (and subordinate) bodies attend to their own business and let others attend to theirs?"

Like the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts going outside of its legitimate jurisdiction and undertaking to legislate as to the legitimacy of other degrees! Suppose they were clandestine 32° or 99° Masons, what business is it to any Grand Lodge of Master Masons? By the way, why did not the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts step in and settle the Dean-Parvin-Tactics trouble? It would seem that it would have been quite as appropriate as to decide as it did what council, etc., a Massachusetts Mason might, or not, belong to! But to the Quebec-English matter. We greatly fear our Comp. Z. made a serious error in not stopping after declaring the lodges illegal. That would have cut them off from intercourse as Mark Masters in Quebec, and public opinion would finally have righted matters by forcing the wrong doers to terms. Non-intercourse is a bad medicine, and ought not to be resorted to, except in the most violent cases, where violent medicine alone would be likely to effect a cure.