

NOMENCLATURE OF LODGES.

It is really a great pity, as well as a mistake, to designate our lodges after the name of the localities in which they happen to be located; or as a piece of fulsome flattery, after some Grand Master, Past Grand Master, Grand Lodge official, or even a local Masonic celebrity. This system we deem highly objectionable. Surely in our vast vocabulary of terms, phrases and idioms peculiar to the fraternity, there can always easily be found a name suitable for the "home of a Mason."

How much more appropriate are the terms Faith, Hope and Charity, than Smith, Brown and Jones! How much more suitable are any of the five columns of architecture, such as Ionic and Corinthian, than Skeboganog, and Mud Hollow! Are not the names of the Hiram and Solomon, more suggestive than Taylor and Robinson? But we need not enlarge upon the topic, only we fear this system of nomenclature, taken from locality, and selected from the names and titles of living Masons, is rather on the increase than the reverse, and we should like to see it quietly stopped. Let Grand Masters and Grand Principals refuse to grant a dispensation to any Masonic body, unless those seeking the privilege give it an appropriate *Masonic* name.

THE decision of P. G. M. Spry, allowing any brother to do the work and confer the degrees under the supervision of the W. M., except administering the O.B., will give an *impetus* to the younger brethren to get up the work. The ruling was good.

RECEPTION AND BANQUET.

On the 25th ult., a number of brethren assembled in Kerr Lodge, No. 230, Barrie, to welcome R. W. Bro. King, D. D. G. M. Georgian District, on his first official visit in the district. W. Bro. Downie occupied the East, and was supported by a number of Past Masters; the other places were filled by the regular officers. After the usual routine work, the D. D. G. M. was duly received with grand honors, and the work was well exemplified upon two neophytes for our mysteries. The lodge was then called from labor to refreshment, and the brethren, under the charge of the Director of Ceremonies, Bro. Nicholson, formed in procession and proceeded to the Barrie hotel, where a sumptuous repast of cold fowl, and all the delicacies of the season, awaited them.

W. Bro. Downie, W. M. of Kerr, occupied the chair, supported on his right by the guest of the evening, R. W. Bro. R. King; M. W. Bro. D. Spry, R. W. Bro. R. Ramsay, and W. Bros. John Gordon, P. M., Kerr, 230; Jas. Ward, P. M., Corinthian, 96; and G. T. Reid, P. M., Minerva, 304; and on his left by V. W. Bro. Chas. Sanders, W. Bros. Jas. Clair, W. M. Wilson, 86; R. G. McCraw, W. M. Minerva, 304; John Rogerson, W. M. Corinthian, 96; and P. M. Stell, of St. John's Lodge, No. 169, I. R., L'Original. Over sixty brethren did justice to the viands, and the cloth being figuratively removed, the W. M. gave "The Queen and the Craft." "God Save the Queen" was sung; Bro. J. C. Morgan presided at the piano, surrounded by the Kerr Lodge Quartette Club.

The next toast was "The Prince of Wales and the Royal Family." R. W. Bro. King sang "God Bless the Prince of Wales."

"The Grand Master and Grand Lodge of Canada" being proposed, the