

to Scotland, the land of my birth and early nurture (and where I received a like hearty welcome), the bearer of the 'good news' of the actual adjustment of our long-standing differences with the Grand Lodge of Canada—the interest in which had become world-wide, and nowhere more deep and intense than in Great Britain—it was most gratifying to receive letters of congratulation thereon from our Most Worshipful Brother, His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, His Lordship the Marquis of Ripon, the Earl of Carnarvon, the Earl of Rosslyn, White-Mellville, the Duke of Leinster and others—all of which most clearly indicate the anxious solicitude of our noble and worthy Brethren of the Imperial Grand Lodges of Great Britain and Ireland, for the welfare, unity and progress of the Royal Craft in this far-off land of the setting sun."

Allusion is made to our esteemed friend R. W. Bro. Isaacson as follows:

"As most of you are aware, our venerable and efficient Grand Secretary has been absent for some time on a visit to England. He had expected to return before this communication of the Grand Lodge, but he has been disappointed. I am confident that you will cheerfully overlook any incompleteness in the reports from his office, which will be speedily perfected after his arrival. You all doubtless wish him a most pleasant sojourn in his native land, and a safe return to his family and to his host of friends here."

Our R. W. Bro. Isaacson having returned, it is now too late to wish him a pleasant sojourn, but, had we been present at the delivery of the address we should have responded with a hearty "Amen," and by three times three, to the wish expressed in the last sentence quoted.

What constitutes a majority?

The following is from the report of D. D. G. M., of the Montreal District:

"On the 12th of December last, I received instructions from the M. W. Grand Master to enquire into the nature of a complaint made by Bro. Daniel Rose, of St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 38, against the decision of the W. Master in the election of Senior Warden. A similar complaint had been made to me by Bro. George Martin, of the same Lodge. On investigating the circumstances of the case, I discovered that this Lodge had adopted the system of nominating their candidates for office. Bros. Daniel Rose and J. T. Finnie were nominated for the office of Senior Warden on this occasion. On the ballot being passed, it was found that 32 ballots were cast, 16 for Bro. Rose, 15 for Bro. Finnie, and one blank. The W. Master declared there was no election, and directed the ballot to be passed again, when the result was, 18 for Bro. Finnie, and 13 for Bro. Rose, and Bro. Finnie was declared duly elected. Hence the complaint, Bro. Rose believing that he should have been declared elected on the first ballot. After due deliberation, I decided to sustain the