

Sitka and Sa B'hai for Canada, made vacant by the death of Bro. Geo. C. Longley, has been confirmed by the Supreme Apex of the Order, who has issued his letters patent to that effect. This Order is limited in numbers, and to Past Masters.

The *Masonic Home Journal* publishes a list of sixty-six lodges in Kentucky, that have been summoned to appear at the meeting of the Grand Lodge, October 20, to show cause why they should not be dealt with for various neglects, chiefly, for non-representation and non-payment of dues, or failure to make returns according to law. A lodge that has not life enough to pay its dues, and be represented in Grand Lodge, cannot be closed up any too soon for the good of Masonry.

The District Deputies of the various Districts, should forward their views regarding the re-distribution of Districts, to R. W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson, Chairman of that Committee. The question is a very important one. There should not be above twenty lodges in a District, and Toronto and suburbs should form one of itself. Orillia, and all north, should also be cut off from Georgian.

The Egyptian Rite seems to be flourishing throughout the Dominion, and we are informed that several new chapters are to be opened at an early date. The degrees are certainly very beautiful, and now that they are semi-officially recognized, in the same way as the Royal Arch, by the Grand Lodge of Canada, an impetus has probably been given to them—especially since now the expense of fitting up a special chapter hall is avoided by using the lodge room.

Candidates are already in the field for Deputy Grand Master. The brethren should, before voting, take into consideration the fact that, by our unwritten laws, the D. G. M. is sure (if the burdens of office don't kill him

in the meantime) to become, in the due course of events, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada. We want, therefore, to select to the position of Deputy, a brother of high standing, honor and ability.

Robert Maooy's new work, purporting to give a history of the Grand Masonic Bodies on this continent, is amusingly incorrect and unreliable. For example, it says, in effect, the Cryptic Rite, or Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters for the Dominion of Canada, is under the authority of the Great Priory. As every Mason knows such is not and never was the case, comment is quite unnecessary.

At the recent session of the Supreme Council of 33d degree, A. & A. S., for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States, assembled in Boston, there were present fifty-two active, three emeriti, and 200 honorary members, fourteen States being represented. Marquis F. King, of Maine, and Phineas G. C. Hunt, were elected active members. In the evening session, the 33d and last degree was conferred upon 57 illustrious brothers, who were proclaimed Sovereign Grand Inspectors General of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, and enrolled as honorary members of the Supreme Council of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction; and amongst the list we notice our old friends, Bros. Caldwell, W. B. Melish, and Gynne, of Cincinnati, and S. Briggs, of Cleveland. We suppose we ought to congratulate, though we think the honors have come mighty tardily in the case of Bros. Gynne and Caldwell. Both deserved their 33d a baker's dozen of years ago. This oligarchical system of the Scottish Rite, by which men can be excluded for a score of years from the honors, is absurd to an extreme degree; and we wonder at its members not hourly and continually protesting against so unjust a system.