

The Grand Lodge of Delaware has adopted the perpetual allegiance principle. No subordinate lodge is now permitted to grant a release to any rejected applicant for initiation.

We notice by an exchange that a consistory of the A. & A. Rite was organised at Belleville, on the 19th ult., by M. Ill. Bro. Geo. C. Longley, 33°, Sov. Gr. Com.; Ill. B. Hovenden, 33°, Grand Secretary General, and Ill. Bro. W. L. Hamilton, 32°, Grand Master of Ceremonies. The Scottish Rite troubles seem to be on the increase, as there are no less than three Supreme Grand Councils in the Dominion—one over which the late M. W. Bro. T. D. Harington, 33°, presided; a second, over which M. Ill. Bro. Longley presides; and a third, of which M. Ill. Bro. L. H. Henderson, 33°, of Belleville, is Sovereign Grand Commander. We predicted this would be the case some time ago, and regret that this Rite should be thus disturbed by unfortunate divisions within itself.

#### THE TWENTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION OF THE GRAND LODGE.

*Extracts from Grand Master Moffat's Address,—Reports, &c.*

The Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Canada commenced its twenty seventh annual session at the Grand Opera House at London, at 3 o'clock p. m., on the 12th of July, in the presence of a large number of present and past grand officers, representatives and visitors. After the opening ceremonies, the reading of the regulations for the government of Grand Lodge during the time of business,

and other matters of no public interest, the minutes of the last regular and special meetings were accepted as read, and passed. The attendance of representatives was large, the Credentials Committee having received no fewer than 889 voting papers, of which 659 were representatives in person and 230 proxies. The accommodations furnished and the adaptability of the Grand Opera House as a place of meeting, were spoken of as being first-class, and apparently highly appreciated by the Grand Lodge members.

The Grand Master, M. W. Bro. James Moffat, delivered an interesting and instructive address, from which the following extracts are taken:—

BRETHREN OF GRAND LODGE, — Another year has passed away, and many of our brethren, not only in our own jurisdiction, but in others, have passed away with it, reminding us who are left that we must soon give place to others. We are, however, permitted to assemble as a Grand Lodge, as has been the custom annually, to deliberate together for the good of our beloved institution. May the Great Architect of the Universe direct and guide our deliberations so that they may tend to His glory and the advancement of the Order we should all have so much at heart.

#### DEATHS.

The past year has witnessed the loss of many brethren in our own as well as in other jurisdictions. As will be seen by reference to our last year's proceedings, my predecessor in his address alluded to the attempt that had been made to assassinate the President of the United States, expressing a hope that his life might still be spared. That hope was echoed by millions, not only on this continent, but throughout the civilized world. Alas! that hope, for reasons that are only known to an all-wise Providence, was not realized. On the 9th of last September he died, but his memory will live to the latest posterity. His death is a sad commentary upon the boasted civilization of the nineteenth century—to think that the Chief Magistrate of a country, where millions of the human race have found homes (with all that the word implies), and shelter from the oppressors of