

ton on the 18th of June, 1812, which materially changed the general order of things, especially on the frontier, and even the Brethren of the Mystic Tie, the members of Lively Stone Lodge particularly, were thereby seriously affected.

Everything like friendly intercourse between persons residing on opposite sides of the Line was viewed suspiciously by the zealous loyalist and the hot-headed patriot, insomuch that the Masons residing in Canada deemed it expedient to separate and withdraw their membership from the Lodge; but, deeply impressed with the importance of Masonry, and viewing it equally if not more essential in time of war than in the tranquil scenes of by-gone days they at once resolved upon having a Lodge of their own, and accordingly a charter was obtained from the "Grand Lodge of the Most Honorable Fraternity of United Ancient Free Masons of England in Lower Canada, situated in Quebec," authorizing the petitioners to hold Masonic communications at Stanstead on every Tuesday next preceding the full moon, and to confer degrees for the benefit of Masonry.

The Lodge was constituted and the officers installed by the Hon. Wm. Howe, D.D. G. M., from Vermont, on the 18th day of January, 1814, by the name of Golden Rule Lodge, No. 19; Phineas Hubbard, Esq., W. M.; Ezra Ball, Esq., S. W.; Capt. Timothy Rose, J. W.; Oliver Nash, Sec'y; James Wesson, Treas'r; these, along with Nathan Wesson, Ichabod Smith, Alexander Kilbourn, James Bangs, Theodore S. Bangs, Moses Montague, Silas Taylor, Elias Lee, David Curtis, Levi Aldrich, Dr. Isaac Witcher, Daniel Holmes, Frederick Holmes, Israel Wood, Daniel Mansur, James Peasley, and Heman Bangs, were the petitioners for the Charter, and constituted the first original officers and members of Golden Rule Lodge, No. 19.

Worshipful Brother Hubbard was eminently endowed with all the pre-requisites for filling the Oriental Chair with graceful ease and manly dignity. He seemed richly to