

Lodge. In January last the Board authorized a Sub-Committee, composed of the President, Wor. Bro. Marshall and R. W. Bro. Peters, to purchase the property on Germain Street adjoining Trinity Church, belonging to the estate of the late Benjamin Smith, having a frontage of 100 feet on the street, and running back 200 feet. After considerable negotiation with the Trustees the purchase was effected at auction for the sum of \$18,000. As the Board was simply acting in this matter for the fraternity, the property thus purchased has been transferred to a Company, organized under an act passed at the last session of the Legislature, in which Company Grand Lodge, and all of the City Lodges are shareholders. The Board urges through Grand Lodge, upon each individual Mason, the importance of assisting, so far as he can, in this great undertaking, so that the projected Temple may, when erected, be an honor to the Fraternity, reflect credit upon the liberality of the shareholders, and be an ornament to the city.

The Grand Treasurer has paid \$500 to the Secretary of the Company, being one half of the amount of the stock subscribed by Grand Lodge.

#### PHYSICAL DISQUALIFICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP.

5.—A question of considerable importance came before the Board, upon an application made to the M. W. the Grand Master, by W. Bro. David Main, of Victoria Lodge, No. 26, asking for a dispensation to initiate, if accepted by the Lodge, a gentleman who was not physically qualified, he having lost a foot, the loss being artificially supplied. The Grand Master having previously refused an application in a somewhat similar case, referred the subject to the Board for consideration, and on the report of a Sub-committee the Board decided that the loss of a foot is an insuperable objection to the initiation of a person otherwise qualified.

#### SAINT ANDREW'S LODGE.

6.—During the recess, Saint Andrew's Lodge, Fredericton, holding of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, made application to the Board to ascertain the terms upon which it would be received into fellowship with the Lodges holding of this Grand Lodge, and announced that it had appointed a committee to confer with a committee of the Board upon the subject. The President and Secretary having been duly authorized by the Board, proceeded to Fredericton, and the result of the negotiations was the surrender by St. Andrew's Lodge of its warrant to the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and an application by its members to the Grand Master for a warrant to continue its meetings under the authority of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick, which application was, of course, complied with.

As St. Andrew's Lodge was the only Lodge in the Province not owning the authority of Grand Lodge, this action at length unites the entire Fraternity, and it is a matter of great congratulation that this important end has been achieved so pleasantly and harmoniously.

#### APPEAL.

7.—The only appeal the Board has had to consider during the year, was one from Bro. Samuel McCully, appealing against, and complaining of the action of Miramichi Lodge, No. 18, in regard to the admission of two members. The matter was referred to a Sub-Committee consisting of Wor. Brothers Marshall, Willis and Powers, who gave it a patient and exhaustive investigation. The circumstances of the case did not appear to warrant anything more than a caution to the Worshipful Master, to be particular in enforcing all the regulations of Grand Lodge relative to the admission of members, and the Board takes the opportunity offered by reference to this case, to impress upon Masters of Lodges that it is their duty to make themselves thoroughly acquainted with the Laws of Grand Lodge, and above all to be exceedingly careful in administering the regulations respecting membership, so that no one can gain admission to the Fraternity, or become a member of the Lodge without the full knowledge of all the members. The laws bearing upon this matter are enacted for the protection of the Lodge and the Fraternity, and their due enforcement is a matter for which every Worshipful Master is responsible.

#### AN APOLOGY.

8.—In May last the Worshipful Master of Leinster Lodge, No. 19, without the Grand Master's dispensation, conferred a degree upon a Brother within the constitutional period of four weeks. He voluntarily confessed his error, declared that it was an oversight and the result of forgetfulness, and asked that the offence be condoned. As