

by the initiation of parties who desire the Degrees only when about to travel, and who have previously neglected every opportunity of uniting themselves with the Order."

That "Gift Concert," for Masonic purposes, has been almost universally condemned. We would hardly have believed that any Grand Master would have sanctioned so questionable a method of raising funds. It is nothing more or less than gambling, and is totally at variance with all our teachings of morality. We should practice what we profess, and those Gift Concerts should not be tolerated in connection with Masonry, nor in any other connection for that matter.

"The Virginians claim to have been the first to establish Masonry in America. The Grand Secretary says:—

"Another important addition presented itself, involving a somewhat disputed point, to whom was the honor due of first establishing Masonry in America. This I have proved from authentic records, was accomplished by Virginia, and which required much labor, and time, as it necessarily involved a history of Masonry in Virginia from 1733 to 1777, a space of 44 years before this or any other Grand Lodge was formed according to law."

One D. D. G. M. says:—

"After an experience of over twenty years, he feels satisfied that inefficiency of the officers, the rapid rotation of Worshipful Masters, is a most fertile cause of the loss of Masonic interest among the members, and of the consequent downfall of the Lodge."

Canada for 1872 and 1873 receives notice, in the report on correspondence, by Bro. B. R. Wolford, Jr.

M. W. Bro. W. H. Lambert, was elected Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. John Dove, was re-elected Grand Secretary.

We have also to acknowledge the receipt of "a final appeal of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Virginia, to the Grand Lodge of Hamburgh, and the Grand Orient of France, to reconsider and withdraw their unmasonic action in invading other Grand Masonic Jurisdictions;" under date of April 1st, 1874.

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