

In our editorial remarks in the June number, we stated that we wished to encourage correspondence on Masonic questions, and invite discussion on disputed points of Masonic law and jurisprudence. We observe that in some of our exchanges a great deal of space is devoted to this object, and it proves a very interesting and instructive part of the journal. We will endeavor to reply to these questions, as far as we are able, but at the same time invite general discussion. We must also request correspondents to send their name with their communications, not necessarily for publication, but as an evidence of *bona fides*. And in common with all editors, we wish it to be distinctly understood that we will not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions of our correspondents.

R. W. Bro. Daniel Spry, D. D. G. M. of the Toronto District, called a meeting of the City Lodges on Monday, 9th July, for the purpose of considering what action should be taken by the Masons of Toronto for the purpose of assisting the brethren of St. John, when it was unanimously resolved to recommend the Lodges in the District to contribute as nearly as possible 50c. per member.

The Grand Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners will meet in London on the 8th prox. M. W. Bro. David McLennan, of Hamilton, the active and energetic Grand Master of this body, has had an application from some leading Masons in Chicago, for permission to open Lodges, with a view to form a Grand Lodge for Illinois. The Grand Master in his address to the Grand Ark Lodge will, no doubt, bring this matter prominently before the brethren, and recommend that the application of our American brethren be favorably entertained.

We have received a copy of a very handsome little pamphlet bearing the title of "Practical Suggestions for the Management of a Masonic Lodge,"

by R. W. Bro. J. G. Burns, 18°, P. G. R., read before Zetland and Stevenson Lodges, Toronto, which, with the kind permission of the author, will appear in the next issue of THE CRAFTSMAN. The subject is an important one, and has been handled by R. W. Bro. Burns in an able manner, which shews he has had some experience of the carelessness with which the affairs of some of our Lodges, and particularly those in small country places, are conducted.

ST. JOHN THE ALMONER PRECEPTORY.—At the regular Convocation of St. John the Almoner Preceptory on the 10th inst., the following officers were installed:—Eminent Preceptor, E. Sir Kt. C. A. Jones; Past Eminent Preceptor, E. Sir Kt. G. Hopkins; Con. Sir Kt. John Stanton; Marshal, Sir Kt. Philip Taylor; Chaplain, Sir Kt. G. Hopkins; Treasurer, Sir Kt. M. O'Donovan; Registrar, Sir Kt. J. H. Addison; Sub. Marshal, Sir Kt. W. C. Gullock; Almoner, Sir Kt. Jos. King; Standard Bearer, Sir Kt. J. E. Bickell; Capt. of the Guards, Sir Kt. Jno. Gale; Guard, Sir Kt. W. Calverley.

The Craft of Wilson District, under the leadership of our able and popular R. W. Bro. Chauncey Bennett, D. D. G. M., of Simcoe, went on an excursion to the city of Erie, Pa., recently, when they met with a most cordial reception at the hands of the American Masons, Col. J. Ross Thompson, and R. W. Bro. Wm. Himrod, D. D. G. M., delivering speeches of welcome. R. W. Bro. Bennett and W. Bro. Campbell, of Stratford, responded. Speeches were also delivered by a number of other brethren, but we regret our space will not admit of a more extended notice. The excursion was a most pleasant one in every particular, and was heartily enjoyed by all taking part in it. The American brethren seemed determined to make their visitors feel at home amongst them, and the warm praise bestowed on them shows how well they succeeded. Our brethren on the Canadian side will be