

anent, is the acme of perfectness,—and doubtless the reports for 1887-88 will show that these excellent officers and their worthy successors are more and more acquiring what is so difficult of attainment,—“the art of condensation”!

The best possible results will follow District Visitation and Instruction, when all Lodges and Lodge officers duly anticipate the official visits of their D. D. G. M. with a little wholesome “fear,” and with much well-grounded “joy”!

Of the new Constitution, which is the result of so much labor and anxious deliberation,—and of the gratifying financial condition of Grand Lodge, and of its noteworthy deeds of “charity,” and of the prosperous state of the Fraternity in Ontario, &c., &c., we must for the present defer remarks.

Of the onerous and praiseworthy labors of the formerly thought-to-be “terrible Board” (of General Purposes),—of its excellent committees,—of the truly Masonic zeal and efficiency of the principal and associate Grand Lodge officers,—and of the ability and faithful labors of both these and the officers and brethren of the constituent Lodges in Grand Annual Communication,—it is very difficult to speak in terms too commendable. May such ever so be.

“*The Trestle Board*” says:—It is about an even race again between the two Grand Secretaries, Munn, of Illinois, and Vincil, of Missouri, with their proceedings. Both were out in ten days after the close of the Grand Lodge. Each is a book of nearly 400 pages.

“*MAIDEN*.”—Here is a sentence of thirty-two words, which some ingenious child has constructed with just the letters found in Maiden: “*Ida, a maiden, a mean man named Ned Dean, and Media a mad dame, made me mend a die and dime, and mind a mine in a dime in a dim den in Maine.*”

LODGE RECORDS.

A circumspect D. D. G. M. during an official visit to one of the eldest lodges in his District, requested the W. M. to show him the Minute and Account Books of the Lodge.

The current books were promptly submitted to him for examination, and they were found to be neatly and regularly kept and in commendable order for inspection to date.

But as these books covered a period of a few years only, he expressed a desire to see all the minutes of the lodge since its institution.

Thereupon a remarkable condition of affairs came to light. Neither the Secretary nor Treasurer had them in his custody, the W. M. could not give any information concerning them; it was suggested that probably the Past Master or Past Secretary had them in his care, and the W. M., in his perplexity, assured the D. D. G. M. that he would forthwith make diligent search therefor, and when found, he would cause that they remain in his own custody and be duly transmitted to his successor.

Upon further enquiry it was discovered that such was also substantially the case in regard to the other records, documents, papers, &c., pertaining to the past history of the lodge!

The startling state of affairs in this lodge may represent an extreme case, but it appears that there is much reason to fear that there are other lodges whose past records, papers and the like, are not cared for much better than those of the lodge above alluded to,—and if so, it would appear that D. D. G. M.s and the W.