

with suspension as a punishment for non-payment of dues.

But one certain matter which really is an anomaly in our Constitution we ought to have amended and that is that while a brother who has been suspended for non-payment of dues, must, before he can be again admitted to full membership, pay up all arrears including those which accrued during the time of his suspension, the Brother who has been suspended for unmasonic conduct or other cause, and whose suspension has expired or is removed, may enter his Lodge again as a full member without being required to pay such accrued or accumulated dues; this is an injustice to the former brother and an anomaly which should be removed, by requiring the latter to pay in like manner as the former.

Another matter should be changed, and this is the present rule that lodges must pay Grand Lodge dues for members suspended for non-payment of dues. It is well known that many of these brethren remain thus suspended and never again pay up, hence every Grand Lodge fee which a Lodge pays for such a brother is a dead loss to that Lodge, and why should Grand Lodge claim those fees while Grand Lodge as well as the private Lodge and the craft in general are all during that suspension, relieved from any and every duty or obligation towards that Brother? Grand Lodge dues for any suspended member should cease at the time suspension takes effect, and be only chargeable to and payable by a Lodge, so soon as he has again paid up his Lodge's dues and not otherwise; this would be fair, equitable and just, the present rule is not.

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St. John's Day Festivities.

KINGSTON.

The brethren of the three city Lodges celebrated the Festival of St.

John by dining together on the following Monday evening. The banquet was held in the dining room of the British American Hotel, which was appropriately decorated with Masonic banners and emblems, plants and flowers. The chair was occupied by W. Bro. George Durnford, W. M. of Ancient St. John's Lodge. Among the brethren present were M. W. Bro. James A. Henderson, Grand Master; R. W. Bro. R. Walkem, D.D.G.M. St. Lawrence District; R. W. Bros. Rev'd Bro. Gallagher, G. C.; R. W. Bros. R. Hendry, Kerr, Wilkinson, W. Bro. Strachan, W. M. Minden Lodge; Bro. Prof. Day, Royal Military College; Bro. Gildersleeve, Mayor of Kingston, &c. After the cloth was removed the usual toasts were proposed and honored. R. W. Bro. Hendry proposed "the Grand Master and Grand Lodge of Canada," and in doing so said that the Grand Master was so well known and respected here that it was unnecessary for him to say anything in his favor. He was greatly pleased at being present at the Grand Master's election, and to observe the unanimity and heartiness with which the election was greeted. The general popularity of Bro. Henderson could be seen in the fact that the year previous at St. Catharines he came within twenty votes of being elected, showing that he was well known and respected by the members of the Craft in other places also. Not only was he esteemed as a Mason, but as a man, and he hoped he would receive another term, as his decisions were universally respected. Since the Grand Lodge of Canada was established in 1855, there had been a great increase in its membership, amounting now to 30,000, and a large amount of the funds was devoted to charitable purposes, of which this city received its share, about \$400 being distributed to widows and orphans of deceased Masons of Kingston."

The toast received the grand honors, and the heartiest cheering