

M. W. the Grand Master had the adjournment of the Grand Lodge under consideration, owing to the pressure of very important business in England, which required his personal attention, but as nothing had been determined upon before going to press we thought it better not to refer to the subject at all. We are sure the brethren

will cheerfully approve of the action of M. W. Bro. Kerr, and wish him with us a most pleasant and profitable trip.

In another part of this issue will be found the proceedings at the formal opening of the Grand Lodge at St. Catharines on the 11th instant.

THE ST. JOHN FIRE AND THE CRAFT.

A short time ago we wrote R. W. Bro. Bunting, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick, inquiring to what extent the Craft was affected by the recent terrific conflagration which swept that beautiful city almost entirely out of existence, and received the following circular, which has been issued and sent to all the sister Grand Lodges:—

GRAND LODGE F. A. M. OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

Office of Grand Secretary,
Saint John, July 7, 1877.

Right Worshipful and Dear Brother,
—The telegraph wires and the public newspapers have announced to the world the terrible calamity which befel the City of Saint John on the 20th day of June ultimo, by which the largest and most valuable portion of our City was reduced to ashes, and the majority of the inhabitants rendered homeless—very few of them saving even a portion of their personal or household effects.

Among the victims was a large portion of the Masonic Fraternity.

In order to aid and shelter our suffering Brethren, a General Masonic Board of Relief has been organized, composed of the City members of the Board of General Purposes of Grand Lodge, and the Presiding Officers of the Masonic Bodies of all grades.

Thus composed, the Board extends its helping hand to the sufferers of all degrees of Masonry, and insures a

regular and systematic mode of dispensing the funds placed at its disposal.

The Officers of the Board are—

M. W. Robert T. Clinch, Grand Master, Chairman.

V. W. James McNichol, Jr., Grand Treasurer, Treasurer.

V. W. William F. Bunting, Grand Secretary, Secretary.

M. W. Bro. Clinch is authorized to receive all contributions it may please our sympathizing Brethren to remit.

I remain, Dear Brother,

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

WM. F. BUNTING,
Grand Secretary.

In view of the wide-spread desolation and want which must prevail, we would suggest to the Lodges throughout Canada the desirability of contributing something toward the relief of our distressed brethren of St. John. This is an unusual calamity,—one that undoubtedly will necessitate the acceptance of present aid by brethren who a few weeks ago were well-to-do in the world. Their all, in many instances, has been taken from them, and for some time to come they will be unable to follow their regular avocations, until stores, work-shops, &c., are erected, and therefore we think a contribution of a small sum from each subordinate Lodge of the several Masonic jurisdictions of the Dominion