

It is also, we believe, the intention of some of the delegates to bring certain questions before the grand body relating to the better working of the White Rose degree. It is proposed that the Grand Lodge authorize the forming of "White Rose Chapters" where three or more lodges exist. This is a good move, and has a tendency to make the brethren of various lodges better acquainted with one another, as intercourse in lodge work always does. It would also stimulate the brethren to work with greater enthusiasm, as such a chapter would be able to choose its officers from among those best fitted among the several lodges. Chapters work well in other and somewhat similar institutions. By all means give it a trial; you cannot lose anything by it.

Representatives from the lodges of the Ottawa district met on the evening of the 26th for the purpose of making arrangements for entertaining the Grand Lodge, which will be in session here on the 12th and following days. The Ottawa brethren have entered into the matter with their usual vim. Sub-committees were appointed. The Banquet committee have recommended a banquet at the Russell House on the evening of the 13th. No stone will be left unturned to make the visit of the Grand Lodge as pleasant as possible. The following brethren compose the committee: Dr. Cousens, Rev. H. Pollard, Rev. P. Owen-Jones, Dr. R. W. Powell, J. Bartram, Ald. Stroud, Fred. Cooke, F. Bebbington, R. J. Tanner, H. Morgan, Geo. Low, R. J. Dawson, Wm. Tague, Jas. Hope, C. C. Rogers, C. Carrock, A. Ardley, John Harper, E. Ackroyd, Dr. R. Wicksteed, Wm. Foster, Wm. Feast. Ald. Wm. Stroud was appointed chairman, and E. J. Reynolds secretary. Sub-committees were struck to attend to matters in detail, who will report the result of their labors to the general committee.

GRAND LODGE MEETING.

The sessional papers for the coming meeting of the Grand Lodge meeting at Ottawa this month are to hand. They mark unusual interest on the part of the different lodges in the workings of the Sons of England Order, and the Committee on Revision of the Constitution will certainly have its hands full in carefully scrutinizing them all. The number of amendments and new clauses proposed—133 in all—would seem to indicate the necessity of a thorough revision of the constitution, and we again venture to express the hope that the resolution, of which Bowood Lodge has given notice, in favor of the appointment of a Review Committee to report to Grand Lodge in 1890 will be adopted.

In glancing at some of the proposed amendments we desire it to be distinctly understood that our criticisms are not made in a captious, but, on the contrary, in a friendly spirit.

The amendments of which the Executive has given notice appear to be eminently proper, save and except No. 9. That "Supreme Grand Lodge" be substituted for the words "Grand Lodge," to enable South Africa to have a Grand Lodge for that colony. With regard to this the Anglo-Saxon takes the ground, and we believe our contention can be sustained by precedents from every fraternal or benevolent society in the world, that there can be no Supreme Grand Lodge until two or more Grand Lodges have been formed. Create a Grand Lodge for South Africa and before the Supreme Grand Lodge can come into existence Ontario and Quebec must each have their Grand Lodges. We shall be glad to advocate the formation of a Supreme Grand Lodge as soon as the Order is numerically strong enough to allow of the creation of subordinate Grand Lodges, but for this we respectfully submit that the time has not yet arrived. South Africa has just reason to complain of want of representation in the Grand Lodge, and we confidently look to our chief governing body to devise some scheme of representation, less radical than the one proposed

by the Executive, which will meet the views of the South African brethren.

From year to year the question of the composition of the Grand Lodge has come up, and this session Albion Lodge, No. 1, proposes that each lodge be represented at the Grand Lodge according to membership, say one delegate for every 100 members or fraction thereof. We anticipate the rejection of this proposal. Its adoption would create inequality of representation and be manifestly unjust to the weaker lodges. We favor the present method of representation, with the addition of the Past Presidents who have served one full term in the President's chair.

The resolution of St. George Lodge, No. 27, re "Duties of District Deputies" are excellent, and we hope they will be accepted.

Southampton Lodge, No. 28, advocates that the first regular meeting in December in each year be quarterly meeting night. The proposal is both timely and necessary, and if adopted would obviate the necessity of some lodges meeting on Christmas week—usually a busy week with most people—for the election of officers.

Three or four lodges suggest the formation of a juvenile branch of the Order. We urge the Grand Lodge to consider the matter carefully before arriving at a decision on the point. Speaking for ourselves alone we would advocate a greater effort to increase our adult membership rather than bring in the youngsters. Eighteen years of age is early enough for anyone to join a secret society. Until that time our sons can well occupy their evenings after work either attending night schools or technical classes to better qualify themselves to fulfil their duties in life. We trust those representatives who have pledged themselves in favor of juvenile lodges will give this matter their most serious consideration before voting.

The proposal of a uniform rank or degree has our uncompromising opposition. Without setting up as a prophet the ANGLO-SAXON ventures to predict that the historian of the future, when he comes to record the world's doings in the last quarter of the 19th century, will point to the uniforming craze as one of the most absurd manifestations the people of the United States have been guilty of. From our close proximity to the Republic the "craze" has reached Canada, and some societies have been badly smitten. We trust, however, that for their own self-respect the Sons of England will keep out of it. *Cur bono?* Or in plain English, "What is the good of it?" "What benefit will the Order derive from it?" Let this question be met fairly and we fancy the Grand Lodge will make short work of the proposal.

THE BENEFICIARY DEPARTMENT.

Our attention has been directed to the number of cases met with in our Order in which the wife and family of a deceased member have been thrown upon the charity of the lodge to which he had belonged during life, on account of the culpable negligence of the brother in not making provision for his loved ones while he was yet able to earn their bread. Of course, the society furnishes more than sufficient to inter their dead comrade respectfully, but what then remains for those bereaved if he has not previously insured himself in the Beneficiary? In many cases they are dependent upon the kindness of the members, who have certainly never been slow to respond generously to any such calls of duty, and do all that lies in their power to aid and support all those placed in such distressing circumstances, by subscriptions, etc., but the fact remains that all those whose income ceases with the death of the husband, father, and bread-winner, must suffer considerably on account of the unfortunate position they are placed in by the want of forethought and dereliction of duty on the part of him whose first duty it is to consider their welfare.