

abstract that is being debated. Every Mason stands on his own level, giving and demanding lawful information whenever required. In Ohio it is a question of Grand Lodge recognition. Can there exist legally two Masonic Grand Bodies in the same Jurisdiction? This is the American question. Suppose there were a Negro Grand Lodge in Nova Scotia; would this Grand Lodge recognize it as legal? It rejects recognition of Ontario because it is within the jurisdiction of another Grand Lodge, and Ontario is of white man's Masonry at that."

We answer, certainly not. But it is legal to have, as we have (in Halifax), a Negro Subordinate Lodge, and to admit its officers on equal terms with all other nationalities into the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia. Could not Oregon solve their difficulty thus?

At the installation of officers the Grand Orator, R. W. Bro J. N. Dolph, most eloquently addressed the Lodge. We can only find space for one short passage, but would like to reprint the address entire:

"The proposition of the Atheists and Materialists to strike out of the French Constitution the clause which declares that 'Freemasonry is based upon the existence of God and the immortality of the Soul,' is portentous with danger to our ancient Order. Whenever from its foundation these principles are wrested, the total demolition of the structure is not far distant. It is sincerely to be hoped that such a departure from the Ancient Landmarks of the Institution, if made, will at once sever French Masonry from the great Masonic fraternity."

Lodges, 68. Members, 2384.

M. W. Robert Clow, Grand Master, Dallas.

R. W. R. P. Earhart, Grand Secretary, Portland.

PENNSYLVANIA—1877.

The abstract of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, at its Quarterly and Annual Communication in 1877, is, as usual, an interesting and business-like report, presenting few points of great importance to outsiders. The Annual Communication was held at Philadelphia, Dec. 27th, 1877, M. W. Robert Clark, Grand Master, presiding. Bro. Clark's closing and M. W. Jas. Madison Porter's inaugural address are both given.

The annual report of the Committee on Correspondence, reviews,