

Grand Treasurer Mitchell's "get up and get" speech was the event of the day at Grand Lodge. Bro. Mitchell has sufficient originality in his composition, however, to give us something new without paraphrasing Bro. John Patton's well-known "green spot." When Bro. M. brought out "oases in the desert" one could not but think of Bro. P.'s memorable speech.

The *London Freemason* of June 6th came to hand in a new dress of type, and on superior paper, not only as an index of its prosperity, but to show that it could not allow its twenty-first birthday to pass by without celebrating the event. The *Freemason* is a credit to the brethren of Great Britain, and its able publisher should feel proud of the position it occupies.

From the report of the Masonic Committee of Relief at Johnstown, Pa., it appears that the financial losses of the brethren of Johnstown Lodge are \$449,310; the losses of the brethren of Cambria Lodge amount to \$334,214. This makes a total loss of \$783,524. The lives of eighteen of the brethren were lost. There is little danger of too much money being contributed to mitigate these losses.

Ionic Lodge, Toronto, has two Grand Lodge officers this year, namely, R.W. Bro. Alderman William Roaf, D.D.G.M., and R.W. Bro. F. M. Morson, Grand Registrar. If Bro. Morson finds the duties of his office burdensome we will give him all the assistance possible. We are sure we voice the District when we predict for Bro. Roaf as warm a reception and as hearty a co-operation

as has been granted any of his predecessors, as he will prove a painstaking officer.

The Grand Lodge of Dakota has been divided into two Grand bodies, namely, the Grand Lodge of North Dakota and the Grand Lodge of South Dakota. The Grand Master of North Dakota is J. W. Cloes, of Jamestown, and D. S. Dodge, of Lakota, is Grand Secretary. George V. Ayers, of Deadwood, is Grand Master of South Dakota, and Charles T. McCoy, of Aberdeen, Grand Secretary.

The brethren who attended the meeting of Grand Lodge at Owen Sound were well entertained by the local brethren. Many regrets were expressed that R. W. Bro. Judge Macpherson was prevented by severe illness from welcoming the brethren, as by his efforts, aided by those of R. W. Bro. Creasor, every possible arrangement was made for the comfort of visitors. Bro. Macpherson's cheery voice and pithy pleasantries were sadly missed.

There was one delegate to Grand Lodge from Toronto District that should never again be allowed to represent his or any other lodge. When a delegate undertakes to barter the votes he is entrusted with for office he forfeits all consideration and respect. In an experience of a dozen years or more at Grand Lodge meetings some glaring deals for office have been noticed, but none so outrageous as the one referred to. The only redeeming feature in the affair was the brother's frankness—his public proclamation of his intentions.