

this will account for the *outside bolt*. On the 21st Nov., "The W. M. desired that part of the by-laws to be read concerning law-suits." No doubt there was a good reason for this, but none is given. W. Allen was initiated this evening; he was passed on the 7th; and raised on the 27th Dec. Many such instances of rapid advancement appear in the earlier records of the Lodge. On the night of election, 7th Dec., "Bro. McLeod voted that Bro. Darley should sit in the chair for the ensuing six months; which was unanimous." What had poor Darley done, good natured, easy soul as he was, to deserve such an awful punishment? Perhaps the bolt on the outside of the door was intended to keep him from getting out. At the same meeting, Mr. Petto, of No. 3, said in reference to a Bro. Gibson, who asked admission as a visitor, "that he was present in No. 8 (held at York) with said brother, when some misbehaviour was committed by Bro. Gibson, which he, Bro. Petto, believes he has not made an apology for the same." This gave occasion for the following letter from No. 8:—

YORK, JAN. 3, 1798:—Wor. Bro., I have it in charge from the brethren of No. 8 to inform you, which we beg you would be pleased to communicate to the brethren of No. 5, that Bro. Petto has been mistaken in representing to your body the conduct of Bro. Gibson. If Bro. Petto will recollect that James Pitney, not a member of our Lodge, but served as a Tyler, and who now associates with the Moderns, committed some irregularity for which he was corrected, and in the end caused the Lodge to retire, he will throw the imputation on the deserving person. The Lodge further begs you would be pleased to communicate to Bro. Petto in soothing and moderate language, for on account of the very friendly terms between No. 3 and No. 8, we have the highest opinion of that body. The Lodge begs through this channel to return their cordial thanks to Bro. Gibson for his labours in the Craft when at York, and the instruction given to young members; and likewise wish to be remembered to Bro. Petto. May peace, harmony, and love cement the brethren of No. 6, is the sincere prayer of your affectionate and sincere brother, Sam D. Cozens."

We give this letter partly for the Masonic courtesy it displays; but more particularly on account of the notice of the "Moderns." We suppose the "Moderns" referred to, were the members of the "Rawdon Lodge between the Lakes," No. 498 on the Grand Lodge of England, of which George Augustus Frederick, Prince of Wales, was Grand Master, as it appears from minutes in the hands of our Toronto brethren, that this Lodge was held there about this time. There were several Lodges in Upper Canada at one period under this Grand Lodge; but with the exception of the minutes of the Rawdon Lodge for about two years all trace of their records is lost, and while in the Upper Province no Prov. G. Master was ever appointed by this Grand Lodge. In Lower Canada, several, if not all of the Lodges at this time were presided over by Bro. Sir John Johnson as Prov. G. Master. As there is just a possibility that a portion of the records of one or more of these Lodges may yet exist in some out of the way corner in Canada, we give a list of them from the Freemasons' Vade Mecum, published in 1797, the Prince of Wales being the Grand Master, Sir John Johnson, Bart. P. G. M. for Canada.

- 151, Merchant's Lodge, Quebec.
- 152, St. Andrew's " "
- 153, St. Patrick's " "
- 155, Select " "
- 154, St. Peter's " Montreal.
- 424, St. Paul's " "
- 428, Select " "
- 522, St. John's Lodge  
of Friendship "
- 289, Lodge at Detroit.
- 320, Union Lodge "
- 376, St. John's Lodge, Michilimacinac.
- 426, Lodge Unity, at Fort William Henry.
- 427, St. James' Lodge, Cataraqui
- 429, New Oswegatchie Lodge.
- 430, St. John's, Niagara.
- 498, Rawdon Lodge, between the Lakes
- 522, Union Lodge, Cornwall.

Dissensions and jealousies were now springing up between the Lodges in the West and those in the East. Doubts were entertained as to the legality of the proceedings of the Prov. G. Master. Some believed he had power to grant warrants for new Lodges; but others denied this, although none apparently could exactly tell what powers were given him by the Grand Lodge. In order to conciliate the Eastern Lodges, it would seem that on March 2nd, 1798, there was "a letter read from the Grand Lodge" (at Newark) "to Bro. McKay, proposing a Deputy Grand Secretary to be appointed in this district. Therefore as Bro. McKay's situation does not suit him to accept it, he pitches on Bro. McDonnell, who meets the unanimous consent of the Lodge." On the 6th of April, "Bro. J. McDonald made a motion that a large bible should be bought for the good of the Lodge, seconded by the Worshipful and the Senior Warden." On the 21st June, Bro. John Stouber, who had been initiated on the 7th of the same month, was both passed and raised. It does not appear that they were always so particular about a candidate for advancement, being able to repeat his charge, as in the instance already recorded; nor about how long a time should elapse between the degrees. On the same night, "Bro. Sills of Richilieu Lodge, No. 6, Lower Canada, wishing to become a member, was unanimous." "A motion by Bro. Sparham, Jr., that wishes some other person should be appointed as Steward in his place; and being called upon to name one, he names Bro. Dame. Bro. Sparham, Jr., further adds: that as he has not been out of office this three years, he wishes to resign being Secretary any longer. Some altercation arising both the last night and this through Bro. Sparham, Jr., he wishes to withdraw from the Lodge. Bro. Sills seeing what had passed, begins to recall his wish of being a member, which hurts Bro. Sparham, Jr. very much, being his fault. The Lodge then closed till St. John's Day, at nine o'clock, A. M., by lawful summons, (Signed) Th. Sparham, Jr." Bro. Sparham has at all events the merit of recording with candor, even if it was "his fault" that Bro. Sills was somewhat afraid to come among them. In the record of the names present on this evening, there is a marginal note opposite the name of the Jr. Warden, "rendered incapable to close the Lodge." This, added to the notice of the evident bickering among the brethren, leads to the conclusion that there must have been a pretty heavy *refreshment* bill to pay; and further, that a Tavern is no place to hold a Masonic Lodge.