

in the State of Vermont, from that time to the present.

It is needless to multiply instances of this kind. By far the greater number of Grand Lodges in existence in the United States have been formed in the same way. Texas, California, Oregon, Kansas, &c., very recently. They began with having three Lodges chartered, no matter whether by one or by different Grand Lodges. As soon as these were regularly constituted and their officers installed, they formed a Grand Lodge, without any reference whatever to the Grand Lodges by which they were originally chartered, took charge of the Masonic affairs and interests of their state or territory, and proceeded with business "on their own hook." No one will pretend to deny these statements. Nor can any one deny that Canada, with three, or forty Lodges, had just as perfect a right to proceed in the same way, as any state or territory in existence. We propose to show, arguing from precedents, that taking either the European, the old American, or the more recently formed state and territorial Grand Lodges, as examples, the Grand Lodge of Canada is as strictly a legal and constitutional body of masons as exists upon the face of the Globe.

To the Editor of the Masonic Pioneer.

Dear Sir and Brother,---I have to request that you will do me the favor of publishing the following communication which I had the honor of receiving from the Most Worshipful Grand Master just previous to his departure from Montreal, and I am certain that the fraternal sentiments it contains, and the deep interest which it manifests in the welfare of the craft, must produce in the mind of every true hearted brother feelings of affection and respect towards one, whom to know is but to esteem---whose visit though short will long be remembered. I take this opportunity of congratulating the craft in Montreal upon the interest, zeal, and fraternal spirit manifested by them, not only during the recent visit of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, but upon all occasions, when energy and fraternal co-operation are required, and beg to echo the sentiments of our Most Worshipful Brother that "the future prosperity and firm establishment of the Grand Lodge of Canada is placed beyond a doubt."

With much respect, I remain, Dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

P. D. BROWN,
District D. G. M.
Montreal Masonic District.
Montreal, Sept. 27, 1856.

To P. D. BROWN, Esq.,
DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER,
MONTREAL MASONIC DISTRICT.

Montreal, Sept. 23, 1856.

Right Worshipful Sir and Brother,---I cannot leave your District, without requesting

you, at your earliest convenience, to convey to the Brethern of Montreal my best thanks for the generous and liberal hospitality, which I have received from them, during my visit to their city.

Their conduct on that occasion, affords a gratifying proof of the deep interest experienced by them in the general prosperity and advancement of the craft, and in returning to my Western home, I shall carry with me the pleasing conviction, that the Brethren of Montreal are so thoroughly imbued, with the pure spirit of Masonry, that the future prosperity, and firm establishment of the Grand Lodge of Canada is placed beyond a doubt.

I rely with confidence, Right Worshipful Sir, upon an energetic discharge of the important duties committed to your care, in the course of which, you may at all times rely upon my constant support, and zealous co-operation.

With my best wishes for the happiness and prosperity of yourself and the Brethren generally.

I continue,

Right Worshipful Sir and Bro.,
Very sincerely and fraternally yours,
-WM. M. WILSON,
G. M.

Alma Lodge.

We learn with much pleasure that a masonic Lodge called *Alma* has recently been organized at the beautiful Village of Galt, in Canada West. The Officers were installed in due and ancient form, by the M. W. Grand Master Wilson, on the 15th of August last.

The ceremony, we understand, was public, and a large number of the "beauty and fashion" of Galt availed themselves of the opportunity of being present. After the ceremony of installation had been performed the Most Worshipful the Grand Master delivered an address, in the course of which, after glancing at the early history of the Order, and, briefly explaining its objects, he proceeded to answer some of the popular objections to masonry, and concluded with a stirring appeal to the newly installed Officers as to their duties and responsibilities.

A banquet given by the Officers of the new Lodge terminated the proceedings. There is, we are informed, every prospect that the *Alma* will become a large and respectable Lodge. The following are the names of the Officers installed:

W. Bro. Hiram Fulford, W. M.
" Norman Booth, S. W.
" Emilius Irving, J. W.
" Thomas Foxley, Treas.
" W. H. Job, Sec'y.
" R. F. Nelles, S. D.
" James Jaffray, J. D.
" A. G. Lordly, I. G.
" E. Templeton, Tyler.

"HONOR TO WHOM HONOR IS DUE."---We learn that a certificate very handsomely engrossed on parchment, was forwarded a few days since to Col. Wilson, our M. W. Grand Master, from Warren Chapter, No. 6, State of Ohio, announcing that he had been unanimously elected an Honorary Member of that Chapter. A flattering letter written by W. M. Cunningham, Esq., the M. G. M. P. of the Chapter, accompanied the document, stating that the valuable services of Col. Wilson in advancing the best interests of masonry in Canada, had entitled him to the highest honors in the power of the craft to bestow.

R. W. Brother I. B. Howditch, the Representative of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Grand Lodge of Vermont, has been appointed, by the President of the United States, Consul General at Constantinople. We most heartily congratulate our distinguished brother upon his good fortune.

NELSON LODGE.---This Lodge, we understand, has obtained permission to remove from Clarenceville to Henryville. It will there occupy a more central position between Hoyle and Prevost Lodges, and, we trust, will experience a large measure of prosperity.

The following is a list [of the Committees of the Grand Lodge appointed by the M. W. the Grand Master.

COMMITTEES:

Correspondence.---Dr. Lundy, R. Bull, W. Bellhouse.

Constitutions and Regulations.---R. Bull, T. B. Harris, Dr. Duggan.

Warrants.---T. B. Harris, F. J. Rastrick, Dr. Lundy, R. Bull.

Grievances.---C. Magill, R. Bull, H. Holden, W. Baine.

Appeals.---R. Holden, C. Magill, W. Baine, R. Bull.

Finance.---W. Bellhouse, R. Bull, J. Harris, Dr. Duggan, T. B. Harris.

Accounts of Representatives.---J. H. Isaacson, L. Martin, S. Ross, T. B. Harris.

Charity.---J. Harris, R. Bull, W. Bellhouse, H. Course, S. Ross, J. Moffat, L. Martin.

Audit.---H. Hall, McQuaig, Isaacson.

The G. M., D. G. M., past and present D. G. M's, and G. Sec'y are *ex-officio* members of all Committees.

Simcoe, 23rd July, 1856.

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