

WE ARE GROWING OLD.

We are growing old—how the thought will rise
 When a glance is backward cast
 On some long-remembered spot that lies
 In the silence of the past :
 It may be the shrine of our early vows,
 Or the tomb of early tears ;
 But it seems like a far-off isle to us,
 In the stormy sea of years.
 Oh ! wide and wild are the waves that part
 Our steps from its greenness now,
 And we miss the joy of many a heart,
 And the light of many a brow ;
 For deep o'er many a stately bark
 Have the whelming billows rolled
 That steered with us from that early mark—
 Oh, friends ! we are growing old !

Old in the dimness of the dust
 Of our daily toils and cares—
 Old in the wrecks of love and trust
 Which our burthened memory bears.
 Each form may wear to the passing gaze
 The bloom of life's freshness yet,
 And beams may brighten our latter days
 Which the morning never met.
 But oh ! the changes we have seen,
 In the far and winding way
 The graves in our paths that have grown green
 And the locks that have grown gray !
 The winters still on our own may spare
 The sable or the gold ;
 But we see their snows upon brighter hair,
 And, friends, we are growing old !

We have gained the world's cold wisdom now,
 We have learned to pause and fear,
 But where are living founts whose flow
 Was a joy of heart to hear ?
 We have won the wealth of many a clime,
 And the lore of many a page ;
 But where is the hope that saw in time
 But its boundless heritage ?
 Will it come again when the violet wakes
 And the woods their youth renew ?
 We have stood in the light of sunny brakes
 Where the bloom is deep and blue ;
 And our souls might joy in the spring time then,
 But the joy was faint and cold ;
 For it never could give us the youth again
 Of hearts that are growing old !

PROCEEDINGS OF THE R. W. GRAND LODGE
OF CANADA.

Montreal, 26th December, 1845.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled this Evening at 7 o'clock. The M. W. G. Master in the Chair.

Absent—R. W. Grand Warden, R. W. Grand Treasurer, R. W. Grand Chaplain, W. Grand Marshall, W. Grand Guardian.

Minutes of the last Meeting of the 20th instant, read.

The R. W. Grand Secretary read several communications, which were referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

The following motion offered by P. G. M. W. M. B. Hartley, at the last meeting, was then considered.

That all communications from Subordinate Lodges under this jurisdiction, claiming relief for individuals who have suffered losses by fire or other accident, be accompanied by a detailed statement of their condition, age, occupation and families.

Which, on motion of P. G. M. W. M. B. Hartley, seconded by P. G. P. Dickson, was concurred in.

The communication referred to in the following motion was then considered, in accordance with the Report of the Committee of Supervision of Laws, &c., which was adopted on the 20th instant, that it be taken up in unfinished business.

Moved by P. G. M. W. M. B. Hartley, seconded by P. G. W. A. Selden.

That the consideration of the communication from D. D.

Sire S. C. Sewell, on the subject of complaints made by Lodges in Vermont (U. S.,) that Lodges in Canada have Initiated as Members thereof, residents of the United States, be deferred until next session ; and that in the meantime a communication be addressed to the Grand Lodge of the United States, asking further information as to the course to be adopted, and also to address one to Oriental Lodge No. 7, directing them hereafter to refrain from the introduction of Members residing out of the Province, which was concurred in.

On motion, the Grand Lodge was then adjourned.

R. H. HAMILTON, *Grand Secretary*.

Montreal, 3rd January, 1846.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled this Evening at 7 o'clock, pursuant to adjournment.

Present—The M. W. Grand Master in the Chair, and all the Grand Officers.

P. G. Thos. Hardie, seconded by P. G. Joseph Fraser, offered the following Resolution, which was adopted.

Resolved,—That the appointment of D. D. G. Masters should be made during the Annual Session of this Grand Lodge, the said Officers to serve until the next Annual Session, or until their successors be appointed.

P. G. Thos. Hardie, Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence, made a verbal Report from the said Committee, recommending that the communication from D. D. Grand Master John R. Healey, announcing that the requisite and successful action had been taken in conformity with a Resolution of this R. W. Grand Lodge, requiring a Member of the Order to discontinue a controversy which he was carrying on in the public prints, upon matters relating thereto,—be placed on file,—which was concurred in.

The Committee on Correspondence presented the following Report, which was received, and the recommendation concurred in.

The Committee on Correspondence to whom was referred the communication from Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 1, asking information as to the legality of a Subordinate Lodge, resolving itself into a Committee of the whole, would recommend that the Grand Secretary answer the communication by directing the attention of that Lodge to Section 4 of Article 8, of the Constitution of this Grand Lodge.

(Signed)

THOS. HARDIE,
JOSEPH FRASER.

P. G. Thos. Hardie, seconded by P. G. David Milligan, offered the two following Resolutions, which were concurred in :

Resolved,—That Resolution, No. 24, appended to the Constitution and By-Laws of this R. W. Grand Lodge be rescinded, and the following substituted therefor :

“That when a Candidate for Membership has been rejected in a Subordinate Lodge, it shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Lodge, when such rejection takes place, to give notice thereof to this Grand Lodge, and to all the Lodges under this jurisdiction, without note or comment, and the same action shall be taken in all cases of expulsion or suspension.”

Resolved also,—That in the opinion of this Grand Lodge, it is highly irregular for a Subordinate Lodge to pass a Resolution expressing an opinion as to the reason of the rejection of a Candidate for Membership.

On motion of P. G. Thos. Hardie, it was

Ordered,—That the R. W. Grand Secretary do transmit a copy of the foregoing Resolutions to the Subordinate Lodges under this jurisdiction forthwith.

This R. W. Grand Lodge, after prayer by the R. W. Grand Chaplain, was adjourned *sine die*.

R. H. HAMILTON, *Grand Secretary*.

We have much pleasure in being able to say that an Encampment under the name of “Wellington Encampment No. 5,” has been instituted at Toronto, by Dispensation from the M. W. Grand Patriarch. Our worthy and indefatigable brother H. E. Montgomerie was the bearer of the Dispensation, and assisted in its organization. We would refer our readers to the Directory for a list of the Officers of Wellington Encampment.