

meeted with every lodge of Freemasons. Many of the leading brethren of the Grand Lodge of England, have become active members of the Order which is intended to be an accompaniment of Craft Lodges. . . . The great work of voluntary Masonic benevolence is being manifested more and more by our brethren in England, as shown in the constantly increased support given to their three great Masonic charities;—an excellent school and home for orphan boys;—a like institution of a high grade for orphan girls; and a home for the aged and infirm, all in the vicinity of London, and others like on a smaller scale in some of the "Provinces." A wondrous amount of real good is being accomplished thereby. The great underlying principle of Masonic benevolence has ever been,—that it is more blessed to give than to receive. English Masons lead the world in practical beneficence.

DISTRICT GRAND LODGES.

It is generally admitted that the existence of Provincial (mostly County) Grand Lodges,—has been one of the main causes of the wonderful progress of Freemasonry in England.

There are those who are of the opinion that like results would follow from the formation of District Grand Lodges in each of the Grand jurisdictions throughout Canada.

Our District Deputy Grand Masters generally have the power only to appoint a Chaplain and a Secretary to assist them in their important work.

Has not the craft in Canada and in the United States been the loser in not following, in this respect, the good example of Mother-England.

We solicit correspondence thereanent, from brethren who may have given this matter serious consideration.

DULY SEATED.

It is a remarkable anomaly that so few brethren of the several degrees know their proper situations in the lodge. It is very irregular and unseemly that those of different grades should be promiscuously seated around the room.

On all occasions, as far as practicable,—and strictly according to seniority,—the E. A.'s should be seated in the north;—the F. C.'s in the west,—the M. M.'s in the south,—and the W. M. and P. M.'s in the east.

The neophyte in the several stages of his progress, views the east from the west, and then, to him, the right of the lodge, is on the left of the W. M. On this principle, he takes his place in the lodge, as he is duly qualified therefor. The north-east is the primal position of the E. A., and in due time he may take his proper place in the highest position of perfection and honor. Order is heaven's first and greatest law, and it should always be such in Freemasonry.

R. W. Bro. J. J. MASON, Grand Secretary, will please accept our thanks for a copy of the new Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Canada just printed.

THE Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Ireland has for its chief officer the veteran and esteemed Brother Judge Townshend, and has 149 Chapters on its roll, or more than one Chapter to each three Lodges, being a similar proportion to that of England. The numbers are the same as those of the Lodges, as with those under the Grand Chapter of England.