

sanguine, therefore, that my next letter will inform you of a grand success. I may add that D. D. G. M. Pickup has granted a Dispensation for the brethren to wear regalia.

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Editorial Notes.

LEON HYNEMAN'S LIBRARY.—The valuable Masonic Library of our late Bro. Leon Hyneman, for many years editor of the *Masonic Mirror and Keystone*, and author of various standard works on the Craft, will be disposed of by auction about the end of June. Catalogues can be obtained of Messrs. G. A. Leavitt & Co., Chirton Hall, Astor Place, New York City, who will gladly execute orders for brethren at a distance.

THE *Masonic Newspaper*, New York, contained a portrait of Bro. Robert Ramsay, Orillia, in its issue of the 10th May. The likeness was good and was accompanied by a biographical sketch of Bro. Ramsay. Bro. Ramsay has been a contributor to the editorial columns of the *Masonic Newspaper* ever since its publication, and his articles are always sound and practical—as many of our readers can testify.

WE understand that there is every probability that the Masonic schism in Manitoba will soon be healed, by the return of the schismatics to their allegiance; a meeting for the purpose is to be held on the 19th inst. We trust to be able to announce in our next number that this is a fact, with full particulars of the happy event.

At the semi-annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, held on the 14th May, the action of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, in invading the territory of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, was censured; and a resolution was passed requiring visitors hailing from the jurisdiction of Quebec to present certificates from that Grand Lodge. The Grand Lodge of New South Wales was recognized.

THE ninety-eighth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of New York was held on the 8th inst., and three following days. There was a very large attendance, over 700 Lodges being represented. The Grand Master delivered a long and interesting address, devoted principally to local matters, but reference was also made to relations with other Grand Lodges—the difficulty between the Grand Lodges of Quebec and Scotland being noticed. After referring to the difficulty between these two Grand Lodges the Grand Master observed that the question turned upon “the right of a newly formed Grand Lodge to demand allegiance from a subordinate that had occupied the territory previous to such formation. The weight of opinion seems to be that allegiance in such cases cannot be demanded, but must be voluntary. As to the establishment of Lodges by foreign authority after the formation of a regular Grand Lodge, we at least can have but one opinion, and on this question we must sympathize with Quebec.” “The matter,” said the Grand Master, “is of such grave importance as to demand an expression by this Grand Lodge.” We regret that in the various accounts of the proceedings which have reach us, there is no mention made of the action taken by the Grand Lodge on this matter. We observe that in the case of a Lodge having failed to pay its fees for three years, it was deprived of its warrant; and that a warrant having been destroyed by fire, and it having been shown that the warrant was left hanging on the wall of the Lodge room, for this negligence a new one was granted only on payment of \$20. M. W. Bro. General Roome was unanimously elected Grand Master; R. W. Bro. Jesse B. Anthony, of Troy, D. G. M.; and R. W. Bro. Dr. James M. Austin, who has filled the position of Grand Secretary for twenty-six years, was re-elected by acclamation.

We are credibly informed that negotiations are on foot for a settlement