

out it the highest bond of brotherhood would be broken, and your purest motive force destroyed. Take away the sacred volume from its holy place, and on your portals might be written; 'Ichabod,' the glory has departed. Your system of morality, illustrated by symbols and veiled in allegory, would be robbed of all its beauty, and your assembly rooms would be sepulchers, where unwholesome vapors would not remain within, but spread their poison through society, to the blasting of many a hopeful life. He who believes not in this Holy Book has no lot or position with us. Against such our doors must of necessity be closed with firmness that does not yield. Mental reservation or equivocation must not share in the reception of the pure and hallowing doctrines contained in this inspired volume."

THE EDICT OF NON-INTERCOURSE.

At the afternoon session the motion of W. Bro. James Fyfe, of St. George's Lodge, to the effect that the edict of non-intercourse with the Grand Lodge of England be suspended, pending the results of further efforts to be made for a settlement of all difficulties at present existing between this Grand Lodge and the Grand Lodge of England, was then taken up, the vote upon it resulting in its defeat by a large majority.

The motion of W. Bro. Joseph Martin, of Mount Moriah Lodge, to the effect that no saloon-keeper, restaurant-keeper, who sells spirituous or intoxicating liquors, or tavern-keeper, or bar-tender, shall be eligible to be made or become a member of the fraternity of Freemasons in the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, and that one becoming such saloon-keeper, restaurant-keeper, etc., shall be deemed, on proof thereof, to be guilty of a Masonic offence, the punishment of which shall be suspension or expulsion from the fraternity, was next taken up.

After some discussion, an amend-

ment, moved by R. W. Bro. J. P. Noyes, and seconded by W. Bro. Le-Messurier, that the question be referred to a special committee, to report at the next annual communication of the Grand Lodge, was carried.

The election of officers was next proceeded with, and resulted as follows:—

Grand Master—M. W. Bro. H. L. Robinson, Waterloo.

Deputy Grand Master—R. W. Bro. Dickson Anderson, Montreal.

District Deputy Grand Masters—Quebec and Three Rivers, R. W. Bro. W. Fraser.

Montreal—R. W. Bro. James Fyfe.

St. Francis—R. W. Bro. G. H. Presby.

Bedford—R. W. Bro. W. Hally.

Shefford and Brome—R. W. Bro. Dr. McDonald.

Ottawa—R. W. Bro. W. H. Garrioch.

Senior Grand Warden—R. W. Bro. S. Lebourveau, Quebec.

Junior Grand Warden—R. W. Bro. C. Knowles, Quebec.

Grand Chaplains—R. W. Bros. Rev. Muir Huntingdon and Dr. Smythe, Montreal.

Grand Treasurer—R. W. Bro. I. H. Stearns, re-elected, Montreal.

Grand Registrar—R. W. Bro. Henry Dunne, Montreal.

Grand Secretary—R. W. Bro. John H. Isaacson, re-elected, Montreal.

The Most Worshipful the Grand Master has been pleased to make the following appointments:—

Grand Director of Ceremonies—V. W. Bro. J. B. Tresidder, Montreal.

Grand Organist—V. W. Bro. G. Couture, Montreal.

Senior Grand Deacon—V. W. Bro. J. T. Gladstone, Montreal.

Junior Grand Deacon—V. W. Bro. W. Rae, Quebec.

Grand Pursuivant—V. W. Bro. J. N. Wright.

Grand Steward—V. W. Bro. G. E. Dyer, Sutton, Que.

Grand Steward—V. W. Bro. E. J. Merry, Magog.

Grand Steward—V. W. Bro. Dr. Wells, Huntington.

Grand Steward—V. W. Bro. P. B. Kaing, Philipsburg.

The Eighteenth Session of the Grand Lodge was concluded by the installation of the newly elected officers, by Past Grand Master J. H. Graham. The Grand Lodge meets in Montreal next year.