

We here quote the language of the Grand Master upon this subject, and trust he and his successors will adhere to them.

The law in the letter and spirit was both disregarded in the exemplification or rather not exemplifying the work. On the morning of the first day it was voted that each of the three evenings should be set apart for the purpose of exemplifying the work in each of the three degrees, but that was a rubber resolution, and stretched till it broke, and the third evening the brothers were rejoicing to the tune of the locomotive whistle, and the subject of the Ritual, to which a few years ago our Iowa brothers sacrificed all else, as if *that* were the one thing needful, now had sunk so low as to find no one to do it reverence. *Tempora mutantur, et n s mutamer in illis.*

Under the topic of hasty legislation we meant to have introduced two or three items which it is better late than never.

"Privileges voted new Lodges." Soon as the Committee on Lodges Under Dispensation reported and charters were *voted*, not even filled out and *b fore* the Lodges could by possibility be Lodges at all, for they were not constituted, the persons present from them were admitted to all the rights and privileges pertaining to the stationed officers of chartered Lodges. This is all wrong, palpably wrong, in direct violation and contravention of all laws constitutional and common. Article First of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge recites that "the Grand Lodge shall consist of (the Grand Officers naming them, and of) the Masters and Wardens for the time being of the several Lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge."

The Dispensation issued to seven Masons by the Grand Master, constituting them an *inchoate* Lodge, requires that the Dispensation be returned to the Grand Lodge on the first day of its session, when the Lodge ceases to be an *active* Lodge.

When a Charter is voted to the three brethren who were named by the Grand Master as Master and Wardens and their associates, they cannot even meet, much less act as a Lodge until summoned by him or his special Deputy, when they hold an election, have their officers installed, and their Lodge constituted.

Under our hasty mode of doing important business, brethren who cannot meet in Lodge, cannot make Masons, cannot do anything, are not only permitted but invited to meet in Grand Lodge, un-make Masons (by sentence of expulsion) and do everything that a sovereign Grand Lodge may do. The Grand Lodges from Maine to Georgia have remonstrated in vain against this shameful disregard of Masonic law.

Here what Past Grand Master Gibson says in his Report on Foreign Correspondence to the Grand Lodge of New York, in June last.

"The representatives present at the several Lodges under Dispensation, to which Charters were granted, were allowed to participate in the business of the Lodge and vote. We anticipate that we shall be opposed to this action of Iowa in this respect, until she discovers the error of her ways."

Worse than all this, at our last session (tell it not in the Gata &c.) a brother who was not even an officer in his Lodge U. D. was permitted to appear as its representative and "to vote" till we raised such a "hue and cry" over the outrage that he was denied the privilege of further ballot.

Another topic was the Grand Master's address. He had evidently prepared it with great care and presented grave and important subjects