

Other correspondence has taken place, but as copies of all the letters and papers in the case have been forwarded by the Grand Secretary to the Chairman of the Committee on Jurisprudence, for that Committee to report on at the present Communication, I shall not transcribe more of them.

When our constitution was altered in 1881, the form for petition for the degrees of masonry was changed, clauses were inserted stating that the candidate had resided in the Province of Quebec more than one year, and that he had not, within twelve months passed, been rejected by any Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons. These clauses were not in the form used by St. Charles Lodge. Upon ascertaining this, I instructed each District Deputy Grand Master to inspect the forms in use by each lodge in his district, and if they did not correspond with the requirements of our new constitution, to see that they were at once altered to do so.

PREVOST LODGE (LATE No. 7.)

In 1884, the Committee on the State of Masonry recommended that the warrant of Prevost Lodge (No. 7) should be recalled. The report of the committee was adopted by Grand Lodge.

Upon the D. D. G. M. of Bedford District applying for the warrant, a reply was received from the W. M. of the lodge, which will be found in the proceedings of 1885, page 45. Grand Lodge then decided "that the Grand Master appoint a committee to report on this subject at next regular communication;" thus holding in abeyance its action in withdrawing the warrant. M. W. Bro. Johnson appointed a committee, who made a report at last Annual Communication, but their report was not adopted, the matter being referred to the Committee on the State of Masonry, who did not make report. I visited Prevost (No. 8) on the 16th February last, to see if an arrangement could not be effected which would lead to an amalgamation with late No. 7, but the sense of that lodge was almost three to one against such action.

Unless good reasons are offered by Prevost (late No. 7) at present Communication, I should recommend that no longer delay be allowed for the return of the warrant.

DISPENSATIONS.

I have been applied to, frequently, for dispensations to confer the third degree in less time than required by the constitution to take place between the degrees. I have refused to grant them, except in a few cases where a very good reason was assigned. Dispensations for wearing regalia in public at lodge socials and when lodges were attending special church services have been granted, and also for installation of officers on a different day from the one fixed in the lodge by-laws. No other dispensations have been applied for.