

prefix to exalt it. It (the prefix), therefore, belongs to the person who becomes *Worshipful* by being *Master*. For these, and other reasons, with great respect, we enter a dissent."

And we acknowledge the force, and in our opinion, the correctness of the dissent.

M. W. Bro. HEZEKIAH A. GUDGER,
Grand Master.

R. W. Bro. DONALD W. BAIN,
Grand Secretary.

NORTH DAKOTA.—1891.

THIS is one of the youngest Grand Lodges of the American continent. It celebrated its second birthday on the 16th and 17th June, 1891, at Fargo.

Grand Master FRANK J. THOMPSON, an old time writer of Foreign Correspondence reports, presided, and delivered an address sparkling with classical illustrations and literary references, in keeping with the finished character of all his works, and breathing a spirit of bold and active endeavor for what he deems to be the best interests of Freemasonry. Amongst the fraternal dead to whose memory he pays respectful homage, we find the name of Past Grand Master William Blatt, of South Dakota, who was an honorary member and firm friend of the G. L. of North Dakota.

On the question of the resignation or dimit of an installed officer of the Lodge, Brother Thompson sees no good reason for prohibiting the granting of dimit to such officers, and quotes the practice obtaining in many of the American Grand bodies, which may prove of interest to Brethren of our own jurisdiction, especially in view of the discussion of the matter in January 1891, by our own Grand Lodge, which has declined, as yet, to amend its constitution in this respect,

By constitutional or By-Law provision installed officers can resign or dimit in Iowa, can dimit in California and Rhode Island. In Nevada, an officer can dimit when he moves permanently from the jurisdiction of his lodge. The same holds good in Michigan, Kansas, Wisconsin and Alabama. In Vermont the Grand Master can resign.