

A gentleman well known in the vicinity of Ottawa, was initiated, passed and raised, emerging from the door of the Lodge a Master Mason, and all done within the short space of one hour. It is also stated that in one case the degrees from Entered Apprentice to the Royal Arch were all conferred on a candidate at one meeting. Perhaps it should have been before stated, that the Lodge holds warrants for conferring the degrees as high as that of the Knights Templar. About a year ago a change was made in the *personel* of the officers of the Lodge. Great things were then promised. There were to be no more infringements on the jurisdiction of sister Lodges; and no cause would be given for any further complaints. Well, how does their work correspond with their promises and pledges? I believe it is considered among all Masons, as most un-masonic, not to say improper to accept and initiate a candidate from another jurisdiction who has been black-balled. During the past year, they have accepted two candidates, both of whom were rejected by other Lodges. The name of a third is on their summonses for ballot, who was rejected in an Ottawa Lodge. Besides these several have been initiated from near Morrisburg. What would be thought of a party who should apply for initiation to an Ottawa Lodge, his residence being west of Kingston? Yet, the anomaly would be no greater. And here the writer would caution Secretaries of Lodges against sending the usual notices of rejections to this Lodge. It is feared in many cases they act simply as an advertisement for them to entrap. I could proceed reciting instances similar to the preceding, but think enough has been stated to show that this Lodge has been guilty of very un-masonic conduct. But it may be asked, why attention has not before been called to the conduct of this Lodge. In reply to this the peculiar isolated position of the Lodge must be taken into account. It being the only Lodge in that portion of Ontario, lying between Ottawa and Montreal, and distant not less than 60 miles from either city, the attention of outsiders was rarely drawn to it, except when some more than ordinary un-masonic act was committed.

This has been written with the hope that it may meet the eye and engage the attention of the Board of General Purposes, and lead them to take action at their next half-yearly meeting. Two struggling Canadian Lodges appeal to your sympathy against the un-masonic conduct of this Lodge. Great harm is being done to our beloved Grand Lodge in this part of her jurisdiction, by the fear that she is neglectful of the interests of her subordinate Lodges.

Trusting that the matter will soon be set right by the proper authorities,

I remain, yours fraternally,

PAST MASTER.

Prescott Co., Nov. 1872.

FOREIGN MEMORANDA.

The foundation stone of the Watt Institution and School of Arts, Edinburgh, was laid with masonic ceremonies on the 9th October last. The *London Freemason* thus alludes to the assembling of the Craft on the occasion.

“About one o'clock the Masonic Lodges which had resolved to take