

industries, in search of fortune or adventure, or for the gratification of personal ambition. Here the wealthy shall come in search of health and enjoyment, and here the tourists from every land and the disciples of all learning shall linger to impart their rich stores of thought and knowledge. Here schools and colleges shall be multiplied and richly endowed, and philosophy and religion shall revive and flourish in unwonted splendor. Here political economy and the science of government shall attain perfection; here poetry and eloquence shall find their home; here the arts shall cluster and the sciences shall flourish.

And when the cultivated, happy and contented millions of another age shall stand where thousands only find their home to-day, may the splendid structure whose corner-stone we lay to-day remain unshaken, to mock the ravages of time. Then, as in our day, within its walls shall be assembled the Municipal authorities, to administer the affairs of a mighty city, to frame and mould its internal policy, to guide and direct its expansion and adornment, to control its educational interests and disburse its charities; and here in solemn judgment the Courts of the land shall still sit, to do exact and equal justice unto all.

These, Mr. Chairman, in addition to a custom older than civilization itself, are the considerations which render it peculiarly fit that we should lay this corner-stone with all our ancient rites and ceremonies; and in behalf of the Grand Lodge, and in the name of Freemasons wherever dispersed, with pride and pleasure I accept your invitation.

ENGLAND.

At the Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of England, held on the 6th ult., the Marquis of Ripon was unanimously re-elected Grand Master. The Report of the Board of General Purposes contained *inter alia* the following clauses:

"They have taken into their serious consideration the smallness in amount of the fees now payable for new Warrants, and with the permission of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master they recommend to Grand Lodge the following alteration in article 5. page 116, of the Book of Constitutions, edition 1871. That between the words "Warrant" and "Five" in the first line, the following words be inserted:—"For the London District Fifteen Guineas, for Provincial Lodges, Ten Guineas, for District Lodges and Lodges in foreign parts."

The Board have taken into consideration the resolution proposed by Bro. Matthew Cooke, P. M., in the Globe Lodge, No. 23, for adoption by Grand Lodge at the Quarterly Communication, held on the 7th September, 1871, and referred to this Board to inquire into and report. The following is a copy of such proposed resolutions:

"That whilst this Grand Lodge recognizes the private right of every brother to belong to any extraneous Masonic organization he may choose, it as firmly forbids, now and at any future time, all brethren while engaged as salaried officials under this Grand Lodge to mix themselves up in any way with such bodies as the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite; the Rites of Misraim and Memphis; the spurious orders of Rome and Constantine; the schismatic body styling itself the Grand Mark Lodge of England, or any other exterior Masonic organization whatever (even that of the Order of Knights Templar, which is alone recognized by the Articles of Union) under the pain of immediate dismissal from employment by this Grand Lodge."

The charges made by Brother Cooke at the above Quarterly Communication, against the officials in the Grand Secretary's office, have already been inquired into by this Board, and a report thereon has been made to Grand Lodge, finding that such charges were in the main without foundation, and this report has been approved by Grand Lodge.—