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"In the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Canada for 1884, page 131, we find the following:—

"The request of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba of setting apart a certain sum of money for the relief and assistance of destitute Masons hailing from the Grand Lodge of Canada, the Board does not feel warranted to entertain.

"It is no doubt quite true that a number of Masons from the Province of Ontario have failed to realize their anticipations in their migration into Manitoba, and that they have sought aid and obtained assistance from lodges in the Province of Manitoba; yet it is equally true that yearly a large number of Masons hailing from the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of England, Scotland, or of Ireland, upon their arrival in this Province, apply for aid and obtain assistance from our lodges; and that the relief given to Masons who come from the neighboring Republic and who apply to our lodges for aid, amounts to a large sum in the course of the year; but notwithstanding these continual drains upon the funds of private lodges, and the large sums annually granted by this Grand Lodge to Local Boards of Relief, especially to meet the claims of transient Masons, this Grand Lodge has never yet entertained the idea of asking either the Grand Lodge of England, of Scotland, or of Ireland, to set apart any money for the relief and assistance of destitute Masons hailing from those Grand Lodges respectively.

"OTTO KLOTZ, Chairman."

"On the above I make no comment other than this, that I do not consider it a very generous action on the part of our Mother Grand Lodge, possessed as she is of such a large surplus fund, to which some of our lodges and many of our members contributed in former years."

During the year M. W. Bro. Bell, who is a member of the Manitoba Provincial Legislature, secured the passage of an Act providing for the incorporation of the Grand Lodge and subordinate Lodges, Gladstone Lodge, No. 12, being the first to take advantage of the Bill. With his usual caution the M. W. Bro. recommends that no changes be made in the constitution "that do not seem to be imperatively demanded." A letter had been received from R. W. Bro. D. Murray Lyon, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, intimating that that Grand body had decided to establish fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, and V. W. Bro. Dr. Jas. Cranston, of Edinburgh, was appointed as the representative of Manitoba near the Grand Lodge of Scotland; the name of a worthy brother had been forwarded as a suitable representative of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, but . . . commission had not arrived. A number of changes are noted in the representatives to and from other Grand Lodges. Reference is made to the applications for recognition from the Grand Lodges of Arizona, Peru, Victoria, Mexico, Hungary, South Australia, and Espanola.

Reference is then made to the death of a number of prominent members of the craft. The "Retrospective," which follows, is so good that we will not spoil it by an attempt at condensation, but will give it in full in the next issue of THE CRAFTSMAN.

M. W. Bro. Bell concludes his exceedingly interesting address, as follows:—

"And now, my brethren, there remains but the closing word. For al-