

and Hardie may be brought forward, when after hearing what each said on the subject, it was agreed unanimously, that Brothers Young and Hardie should come forward before the body, acknowledge they were wrong, and shake hands in token of friendship, which was done, and they were admitted to take their seats." We frequently meet in these old minutes with a paragraph of like purport to the above; members of the Lodge were not content, as we too often are in the present day, with taking cognizance of an offence when complaint was formally made, but made it their business, as all true masons should, to bring together such brethren as were at variance, and to use the moral power of the Lodge for that purpose, thus fulfilling the command of him who said "if thy brother shall trespass against thee, go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone; if he shall hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother, but if he will not hear thee, then take with thee one or two more, that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established." Brotherly kindness and charity are always to be found in company, it is not therefore surprising that at the same meeting it is recorded that a petition was read from Bro. Ireland a sojourner, praying relief to assist him on his journey to New York. A motion was made from the chair that the sum of twenty-five dollars be paid from the treasury for his relief, which was agreed to. *Nem. Con.* And at the next meeting "a motion was made from the chair, that the sum of five guineas be taken from the funds and subscribed to the Bible and Prayer Book Society."

On the 3rd April of this year (1817), "a motion was made from the chair, that a letter may be sent to Bro. W. Jarvis, W. G. M., Prov. G. Lodge of Upper Canada, respecting establishing a correspondence between this Lodge and the Grand Lodge, which was agreed to unanimously." R. W. Bro. Jarvis, who had been Prov. G. M. since 1793 or 4, had never exercised any supervision over his Lodges, and for many years had never even called a Provincial Grand Lodge, appears to have paid no attention to this letter, and after his death which took place within a very short time, a circular which apparently originated either from No. 13, Bath, or from No. 6, Kingston, was sent to all the Lodges in Upper Canada, of which the following is a copy.

"W. Master, Wardens and Brethren of Lodge No.—. Whereas there is not at this time any Grand Lodge existing in this Province, nor any board or order vested with authority to perform the important functions legitimately pertaining to the office of Grand Master, or G. Secretary; and consequently no head to make or receive communications in the name or in behalf of the Craft. By reason whereof a circular letter from the Grand Lodge in the state of Rhode Island, addressed to the Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Upper Canada, has been received by one of our Sister Lodges, and opened by them, they it seems doubted what course to adopt to effect its circulation. They have transmitted it to this Lodge, requesting us to treat it as we should think proper."

"That rational government is the *strength* and *support* as well as the *beauty* of all society, is a truth which we humbly conceive will be admitted by all, and that no government can exist without a principal, we believe to be equally true.

"Impressed by these considerations, we have thought proper to address our Sister Lodges on the subject of endeavouring to procure the establishment of a Grand Lodge. We therefore have the pleasure of communicating our humble request, that if you concur with us in a belief of the expediency of the measure, a delegate be appointed by your Lodge to meet delegates from the other Lodges in this Province, at the Lodge room in the town of Kingston, on the fourth Wednesday in August next, at ten o'clock, A. M., to concert measures for the attainment of so desirable an object.

"The obvious importance of the measure will we doubt not be the most powerful argument in favor of it, and we humbly trust it will meet the cordial approbation of all who have the good of the Craft in view.

"That there may be uniformity in the certificates accompanying the delegates, we take the liberty of proposing the following form as proper for the occasion.

"This may certify that _____ has been elected by Lodge No.— to represent it in the Grand Convention of the Province of Upper Canada, to be holden at Kingston on the fourth Wednesday, in August, A. L. 5817, and we do hereby authorize and empower him to do and transact any business found necessary to be done at said Convention in the name and behalf of our Lodge."

And thus ends the third volume of their Minutes.
S. D. F.

MASONIC IDEAL OF LABOR.—Few of us have considered how much our Institution has done to elevate the craftsman, mechanic, and all laborers, and give them their rightful place in society. The time is rapidly approaching when the Masonic ideal of justice and equality will be realized. The signs of the times all point to this result. Not the warriors, who have spread sorrow and desolation through the earth, nor those who owe their social rank to accident of birth or wealth, but those who have toiled usefully and endured patiently are recognized to-day as the sovereigns of the moral world. They stimulate the thoughts, control the desires, and direct the ambitions and affections of mankind. As the sweeping ages brush off the conqueror's crown, it no longer fascinates the enslaved multitude. Already they begin to see who are true heroes and real benefactors of their race. The armies of craftsmen, and all laborers, exploring usefully in their various callings, covered with the sweat and dust of productive labor, are beginning to receive that reverence and respect they are entitled to. Even in the earliest times this ideal of society, this system of social progress, was revealed in the mystic ceremonies of the Order. The initiate, passing through his various ordeals, was considered a type or representative of the human race marching onward through its various conditions to a high degree of social refinement. All the rites shadowed forth a more perfect social state, where virtue triumphed over vice, and truth, victorious over error, would be installed on the throne of the world, and direct all human activities and relations.—*San Francisco Mercury.*

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