

A communication from the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick, for a reconsideration of their application for recognition by the Grand Lodge of Scotland, was read, and after considerable discussion, it was delayed till next meeting.

The resignation of Bro. J. K. Fingzies, as Provincial Grand Master for Jamaica, on the ground of ill-health, was received, and a recommendation that Bro. Samuel Constantine Burke, Advocate, Jamaica, should be his successor, was unanimously agreed to. As that brother was present he was installed into the office, and took the oath of allegiance in the usual manner amidst the plaudits of the brethren. After the ceremony, the newly-elected Provincial Grand Master returned thanks for the high honor that had been conferred upon him.

A report on the proceedings of a conference held in London in April last was delayed till next meeting.

A motion "That a committee of six, who are not connected with any lodge in Edinburgh or its neighborhood, be appointed, and who shall have the power to call in an experienced accountant to examine into all the books and financial affairs of the Grand Lodge, and report," was after a lengthy discussion, in which many brethren took part, ordered to lie over till next meeting.

There were other motions on the agenda paper, but owing to the lateness of the hour, the Grand Lodge was closed.

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CORNER STONE.—On Tuesday the 15th ult. the Corner Stone of a new Masonic Hall in Shannouville Ont. was laid with Masonic honors, an especial communication of Grand Lodge having been summoned for the occasion. The ceremony was performed by R. W. Bro. E. C. Flint, D. D. G. M. acting under a dispensation from the M. W. the Grand Master. About 100 brethren were present, hailing from Moira, Belleville, Madoc, Francke and other Lodges. Grand Lodge having been opened in form, a procession was formed headed by the band of the Argyll Light Infantry; upon arriving at the site of the proposed building, the ranks opened out, and the Grand officers marched through to the place where the stone was to be laid. The usual ceremonies having been performed, W. Bro. Lazier, made some eloquent and appropriate remarks, and the brethren then returned to the Lodge Room, when Grand Lodge was closed. A banquet was held in the evening at Shaw's Hotel, at which a large number of brethren were present. The usual toasts were proposed and responded to, and the brethren separated at a seasonable hour.

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PRESENTATION.—At the regular meeting of Albion Lodge No. 80. Newbury Ont., W. Bro. George Mansfield was presented by W. Bro. Hammond, on behalf of the Lodge with a handsome Past Masters jewel, The address accompanying it was as follows:

"We the members of Albion Lodge, No. 80, A. F. A. M. Newbury, recognizing your unwavering zeal in the cause of Masonry, and particularly in the interest of this Lodge since your connection therewith, desire to testify our appreciation of your ever kind and fraternal conduct, by offering for your acceptance, this Pastmasters Jewel, as a memorial of our friendship and esteem, which we fondly hope will never cease while we are permitted to enjoy life."

NEWBURY, 1st August, A. L. 5871.