

The Grand Lodge was afterwards closed in due form.

In a charming grove, the ladies of the congregation of St. Peter's had laid tables bountifully supplied, to which the brethren of the Grand Lodge were invited. Several addresses were delivered, and received with applause.

The 18th of August will long be remembered as a red letter day in North Augusta.

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### Correspondence.

*We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions of our Correspondents.*

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### TRAITORS IN THE CAMP.

It is an old adage that delays are dangerous, and this old saying has recently received a sad illustration, perpetrated by the ring who runs the Grand Lodge of Quebec. Of course the time seems opportune to carry out such a disgraceful manœuvre, but I can't say that I was prepared for any such a degree of turpitude. It is now fifteen years, or thereabouts, since the formation of the G. L. Q. as the *Sovereign* Grand Lodge for this Province, and then no man connected with the movement had any idea of anything but supremacy—in fact it was a plank in the platform, and became a means of drawing lodges to participate in the movement, that otherwise could not, by any pretext other than allegiance to Masonry, have been induced to forego their allegiance to Grand Lodge whose legality was provided for already by our law made to suppress seditious and disloyal associations. Now that some fifteen years have passed away, and many of the intelligent brethren who understood the matter in all its bearings and who were then active masons, have left the province; others have been called to the Grand Lodge above, others have retired from the order, and others have ceased to take any interest in the matter, disgusted by the disgraceful manner in which affairs have been conducted. The time does seem opportune to stuff younger and

less informed brethren with the idea that it was always understood that those lodges working under England were to be permitted to remain here by virtue of the agreement between the Quebec and Canada (Ontario) Grand Lodges. The following extract from the proceedings of the fifth session of the G. L. Q., referring to the settlement with Canada, will be sufficient to dispose of this malicious, barefaced lie:—

“That in view of the arrangement made between the Grand Lodge of Canada and the Grand Lodges of England and Scotland, by which the former obtained the masonic recognition of the latter on condition of the lodges then working under the said Grand Lodges of England and Scotland being permitted to continue their work, the said Grand Lodges agreeing not to grant any further warrants within the Province of Canada, and having regard to the fact that there still exists within the Province of Quebec three lodges working under warrants from the Grand Lodge of England, and one lodge working under that of Scotland, in conformity with this arrangement it is agreed that while every effort shall be made to induce these lodges to surrender their warrants and come under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, the said Grand Lodge will recognize the arrangement hereinbefore recited, until the relations of those lodges towards the Grand Lodge of Quebec have been finally decided upon between the said Grand Lodges and the Grand Lodge of Quebec.”

From this (and a mere passing reference to the fact that in 1875 the Grand Lodge of Quebec would not entertain the recognition of the Grand Lodge of England containing a rider that these lodges were to be permitted to remain, as hertofore, sanctioned by the Grand Lodge of Canada) it is plain that Quebec never had up to this point any idea of permitting these lodges to remain here *in perpetuum*, and how any man can have the brazen