

want of unanimity displayed by the private lodges of that colony, the establishment of an independent Grand Lodge, which was announced to take place during the present month, has been postponed. The District and Provincial Grand Masters, in consideration of this concession, expressed their willingness to use their influence with the lodges of their districts to further the movement. The next meeting of delegates will take place in January next."

R. W. Bro. Roaf, will hold a Lodge of Instruction in the Masonic Hall, Toronto street, on Friday 21st March, at 7.30 sharp. The work of the three degrees will be exemplified as follows: 1st Degree by W. Bro. R. W. Hull and the officers of York Lodge; 2nd Degree by W. Bro. W. R. Clarke and the officers of Ashlar Lodge; 3rd Degree by W. Bro. W. E. Smith, St. John's Lodge. A circular has been sent to all the lodges in the district, and no doubt the hall will be taxed to its utmost capacity. It will be necessary for the brethren to be on time, as it is the intention of the D.D.G.M. to open at 7.30 sharp.

It is stated that the members of the Local Board of Relief have resolved to devote funds from that Board to defend those of its members who are now or have been defendants in the suit brought against them by Bro. S. M. Davis. Such a proceeding is entirely wrong. The lodges who contribute to the Board of Relief do so upon the understanding that their contributions are to be devoted to benevolent purposes, and the by-laws of the Board specify what payments shall be made

by the lodges and how monies so received shall be applied. We are of opinion that Bro. Davis should not have brought the brethren into a law court, and thereby supply opponents of Freemasonry with arguments of an uncomplimentary nature concerning our institution; but having done so, and committed what we must designate a serious blunder, we do not see that the Local Board of Relief is justified in committing a graver blunder, by misappropriating the funds of which its members are the individual and collective custodians. If the members of the Board of Relief are not disposed to pay law costs which were brought about by their own stupidity or carelessness they should appeal to the lodges, and we have no doubt but such an appeal would be responded to and the brethren indemnified for all costs incurred. Applying the funds of the Board of Relief to defraying the expenses of a delegate to the meeting of the General Board of Relief in Louisville, as we are informed has been done was bad enough, but this last proposal should not be tolerated. We sympathise with the brethren at the inconvenience to which they are being put, but our sympathies are not strong enough to countenance what is in our opinion is wrong doing.

H. R. H. the Duke of Connaught, at the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of All Scottish Freemasonry in India, held in Byculla, in replying to the toast, "The health of the Duke of Connaught, District Grand Master of Bombay," said:

"From what we have heard from the Grand Master, we know that our Gracious Sovereign is to be the Patron