

PETERBORO'.—The festival of St. John was celebrated by the "Corinthian" and "Peterborough" Lodges on the 24th inst. The brethren, clothed in their regalia, and preceded by a band, marched in procession to St. John's Episcopal Church, where evening prayer was said by Rev. Bro. G. W. White of Smith's Falls. The sermon from Luke XIX. 8, was preached by R. W. Bro. Rev. V. Clementi, P. M. and P.G.C. The latter part of the discourse was devoted to an advocacy of the claims of the proposed Masonic Assylum on the attention and the liberality of the Craft. At the conclusion of the service, a strawberry festival, attended by a large number of ladies, was held in the Temperance Hall, after which an adjournment took place to the Masonic Hall, when the chair was taken by R. W. Bro. Clementi, who opened the proceedings with an address and the reading of a poem, appropriate to the occasion, composed by by himself. Then followed vocal and instrumental music, with an entertaining reading by the Secretary of the Corinthian Lodge, Bro. Smylie. Altogether a very pleasant evening, evincing a truly Masonic spirit, was passed, ending with an admirable rendering of the National Anthem.

WROXETER.—The 24th June was celebrated by the brethren of Forest Lodge, No. 162, by a picnic held in the beautiful grove on the banks of the Maitland; a number of visitors from Brussels, Wingham, and Listowel were in attendance. The Listowel Band was also in attendance. The ladies in connection with Forest Lodge prepared a most bountiful spread of the good things of this world, to which ample justice was done by all present. All seemed to enjoy themselves very much and parted in peace and harmony, happy to meet, sorry to part, and happy to meet again. The annual installation of officers for Forest Lodge took place at high twelve, when the following officers were installed: W. Bro. S. B. Small, W. M.; Bro. G. A. Powell, S. W.; Bro. Paulin, J. W.; Bro. John Sanderson, Treas.; Bro. George Gibson, Secy.; Bro. David Black, S. D.; Bro. William Small, J. D.; Bro. Arthur Veal, I. G.; Bro. John Knutson, Tyler; Bros. J. J. Sweetman and Steven Brown, Stewards; Bro. Thomas Wilson, Chaplain.

THE MIXED FUNERALS CONTROVERSY.

IN so far as Canada is concerned, the dispute about mixed funerals has been settled by the Grand Master, and we do not think there is any probability of such an occurrence as that of another society taking part in the burial of a Freemason. For the information of the brethren, however, we return to the subject, with the view of showing how the matter is viewed at a distance. We have already published the resolution of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, United States, and now we have the rejoinder of the Odd Fellows' Grand Lodge with which the difference took place. On receiving a copy of the resolution the Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows adopted a series of resolutions, the last two of which are as follows:

Resolved.—That when the deceased was a member of other organizations as well as of our own, the Odd Fellows of this Jurisdiction will concede to the others and demand for themselves their due proportion of pall-bearers, and of emblems, and regalia on the coffin.

Resolved.—That the Odd Fellows of this Jurisdiction will, in the burial of their dead, yield to others and take for themselves precedence according to the position attained by the deceased in their own and other organizations.

These resolutions involve a downright absurdity, for if followed out, then every society, no matter what it may be, would claim a like privilege. There is no mincing the matter, and it simply comes to this, that any one who happens to be both a Mason and an Odd Fellow, cannot be buried by both Orders; in other words, if the Masons are requested to undertake the duty, they alone will perform the ceremony; but if not, then the Odd Fellows will do so, and members of the Masonic body may attend, but not as Masons. The *Masonic Jewel*, the editor of which is a Mason and an Odd Fellow, while holding that if a Mason belongs to a dozen different organizations, does not see that as many rites and ceremonies must be performed at his grave, yet