

the meeting of Grand Lodge, and at the same place. The meeting of Grand Chapter in the same week as Grand Lodge would be very convenient, and a great saving of expense and of time to those who are members of both Grand Bodies, and the proposition is worthy of favorable consideration.

### Mixed Funerals.

The following remarks of the Grand Master of Kentucky on the subject of mixed funerals, to which we devoted some editorial comments a few months ago, will receive the endorsement of many of our readers:—

“At a period when almost every village in Kentucky is stocked with from three to five affiliations (secret societies, so-called), and many Masons are in membership with them, it would be strange if, in the confusion of rites and ceremonies and covenants, more or less alike, there should not be some ‘putting new patches on old garments,’ ‘new wine into old bottles.’ Lest my remarks should be deemed invidious, I mention no names. I recognize the undoubted right of every Brother ‘to try all things,’ to belong to as many societies as he chooses, and, if he have time, money and brains to spare, he may make ‘Secret Societies of his own; yet it is my duty to warn the Craft that no fellowship is possible between the one ancient, universal Brotherhood and the thousand and one figments of modern brains. No blending of rites can be permitted for a moment, nor can Masons, as such, even know of the existence of other affiliations. This warning is particularly necessary in regard to funerals. *The Masonic dead are to be buried Masonically.* When our lines are formed about the grave none can be admitted within them, save the Fraternity, the clergy and the mourners. The world at large is heartily welcome to witness our solemn rites, but only ‘without the gate,’ and when our last prayer is said and our last ceremony performed, we turn away to our Lodge Rooms, we know nothing and care nothing of what is said or done by those who may close in behind us. The procession, the pall-bearers, the enclosing lines, the last sad rites must be, one and all, *strictly Masonic.* I speak this in all plainness, and no one should take offence where no offence is intended. It is only to sustain the character and dignity of our Order, which, on many funeral occasions, when

the ceremonies were in charge of a kind-hearted but incompetent Master, have been allowed to trail in the dust.”

### Grand Lodge of British Columbia.

The Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, was held in the City of Victoria, on the 23rd day of June last. The following are the Grand Officers for the ensuing year:—

M. W. Eli Harrison, sen., Grand Master, (re-elected.)  
 R. W. C. M. Chambers, Deputy Grand Master.  
 R. W. H. Brown, Senior Grand Warden.  
 R. W. E. Harrison, jr., Junior Grand Warden.  
 V. W. the Rev. H. H. Mogg, Grand Chap.  
 V. W. M. W. Waitt, Grand Treas., (re-elected.)  
 V. W. E. C. Baker, Grand Secretary.  
 W. R. B. McMicking, Sen. Grand Deacon.  
 W. T. Shotbolt, Junior Grand Deacon.  
 W. W. T. Livock, Grand Dir. of Ceremonies.  
 W. Thos. Trounce, Grand Superintendent of Works.  
 W. W. Stewart, Grand Marshal.  
 W. R. B. Kelly, Grand Sword Bearer.  
 W. R. Beaven, Grand Pursuivant.  
 W. Rennie,  
 A. R. Milne, } Grand Stewards.  
 J. Teague,

### Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island.

The Fourth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island, was held at Masonic Hall, Charlottetown, on the 24th June, when the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—

M. W. John Yeo, (re-elected) Grand Master.  
 R. W. Neil McKelvie, Deputy Grand Master.  
 R. W. W. H. Aitken, Senior Grand Warden.  
 R. W. S. W. Crabbe, Junior Grand Warden.  
 R. W. D. Small, (re-elected) Grand Treas.  
 R. W. G. W. Wakeford, Grand Secretary.  
 R. W. Adam Murray, Grand Lecturer.  
 R. W. Rev. J. H. Read, D. D., Grand Chap.  
 V. W. Jos. Fairchild, Senior Grand Deacon.  
 V. W. C. C. Carlton, Junior Grand Deacon.  
 V. W. S. McNeill, Grand Dir. of Ceremonies.  
 V. W. T. H. Pope, Asst. Grand Dir. of Cer.  
 V. W. C. V. McGregor, Grand Sword Bearer.  
 V. W. A. Dunbar, Grand Standard Bearer.  
 V. W. H. Sampson, Grand Organist.  
 V. W. W. H. Findley, Grand Pursuivant.  
 V. W. Donald Darrach, Grand Steward.  
 V. W. John G. J. Weldon, Grand Steward.  
 Bro. John Hobbs, Grand Tyler.