

belt of the Craft. But not having taken any notes, we cannot attempt any synopsis of the very able sermon, for nothing short of a verbatim report could do justice to it. It was a rare treat.

In the evening an entertainment was given by the Brethren in their Hall, the Blue Lodge being used as a reception room, while the Lodge room of the Chapter was set apart for dancing, which was kept up with spirit to a late hour. The banqueting hall had been furnished with a most sumptuous repast, supplied by members of the order, and the tables, as they had been tastefully arranged by fair hands, looked exceedingly tempting. Supper, with hot tea and coffee, was on from about ten o'clock till the time the company broke up, and although the attendance was very much greater than had been anticipated, there was "bread enough and to spare."

The entertainment throughout was of a most enjoyable character, and so pleased were the company that the desire was universally expressed that the re-union should be shortly repeated.

Official.

Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. & A. M.

OFFICE OF THE GRAND MASTER,
WINNIPEG, Dec. 17, 1878.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Masters, Officers, and Brethren of all Regular Grand Lodge of Freemasons throughout the world, to whom these presents shall come,—

GREETING:

BRETHREN,—I am again compelled in the continued and Constitutional discharge of my duty to issue the following

EDICT:

To all Brethren in obedience to the M. W. Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. and A. M.

Whereas, Brothers W. N. Kennedy and George Black, Past Grand Masters, have, in conjunction with Brother E. G. Conklin, (styling himself "Grand Junior Warden,"—which he is not; but who was suspended by my Edict, bearing date the twelfth day of November last, for causes therein stated, and which suspension has not been removed), presumed to issue, without my knowledge or consent a second notice, calling a meeting of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, such notice bearing date, "Winnipeg, December 11th, 1878," and signed by them as Past Grand Masters; and whereas such proceeding is a direct violation of the Constitution, clause 18, on page 16, and

an usurpation of my authority as Grand Master,—

Be it therefore known to you all that, in virtue of the authority in me vested, as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. and A. M., I do hereby suspend the said Brothers W. N. Kennedy and George Black from all Masonic rights and privileges, and all Brethren are hereby notified not to hold Masonic intercourse with them; and any Brother who shall appear at the Masonic Hall, Winnipeg, or elsewhere within this jurisdiction, in answer to such clandestine notice, or any similar notice, shall be subject to like penalty of suspension.

Witness my Hand and Seal of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, at Winnipeg, Province of Manitoba, Dominion of Canada, this seventeenth day of December, A. D. 1878.

GEO. F. NEWCOMB,

Attest,
JOHN H. BELL,
Grand Secretary.

Powers of D. D. G. M.

Your article in the December number, on "The Powers and Prerogatives of the Grand Master," is very apropos, and if you would supplement it by another on "The Powers and Prerogatives of the D. D. G. M.," you would be doing good service to the Craft in this section, as this subject is, just now, exercising considerable attention. I fancy the Constitution of the G. L. of Canada and that of the G. L. of Quebec, are very similar, if not exactly alike with reference to this office. In the latter, it states that "The Grand Master has full authority to preside in any Lodge, and to order any of his Grand Officers to attend him. His Deputy is to be placed on his right and the Master of the Lodge on his left hand." Of the Deputy Grand Master it states that he, likewise, "has full authority, unless the Grand Master be present, to preside in any Lodge which he may visit with the D. D. G. M. on his right hand and the Master of the Lodge on his left." Of the D. D. G. M. it states: "He must be a Past Master, and not at the time Master of a Lodge, and a resident in the district for which he is appointed. He may preside in every Lodge he visits, within his dis-