

of her youth and danger, has that need. Here within our borders we have a community composed of races widely differing in origin and idiosyncrasy, and the tide of emigration is constantly bringing in waves of population from the elder world to find a home and country under the broad shelter of our free institutions—our just and equal laws. To unite and assimilate these varied people is a task which requires Masonic cement and Masonic charity. Let us each strive in his own sphere, faithfully to use the trowel and spread the cement of affection and kindness which unites all the members of the great Masonic family, wheresoever dispersed, into one grand union of brotherly love, relief and truth.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. James O'Halloran, P.G.M., seconded by V. W. Bro. W. Simpson,

That the discourse of the R. W. Grand Chaplain, just delivered, be entered *in extenso* in the minutes of the proceedings of this Grand Lodge, and be also published in some of the newspapers of this city.

The motion was carried unanimously.

R. W. Bro. Melbourne M. Tait, on behalf of the Board of General Purposes, presented the following report on numbering Lodges on the roll.

NUMBERING OF LODGES.

On the question of Numbering Lodges, the Board beg to report as follows:—

That having carefully examined the various documents submitted in evidence of the claims of the respective Lodges for seniority, they have agreed upon the following order, in which the existing Lodges should be placed:

1. Antiquity Montreal.
2. Albion Quebec.
3. St. John "
4. Dorchester St. Johns.
5. Golden Rule Stanstead.
6. St. Andrew Quebec.
7. Prevost, late 2, Q. R. Dunham.
8. Prevost, late 1, R. C. Dunham.
9. Nelson St. Armand Station.
10. St. George, late 19, C. R. Montreal.
11. St. George, late 6, Q. R. "
12. Zetland, late 7, Q. R. "
13. Zetland, late 21, C. R. "
14. Hoyle Lacolle.
15. St. Francis Richmond.
16. Victoria Sherbrooke.
17. Harington Quebec.
18. Shefford Waterloo.
19. Stanbridge Stanbridge.
20. Montreal Kilwinning Montreal.
21. Yamaska Granby.