

been instrumental in opening no less than *ten* new Lodges in this portion of the Province, in March last. I do not know that the funds of the Grand Lodge could possibly be better laid out, than in opening new Lodges, and in such a manner as this.

Had any opportunity been afforded the ten Lodges already referred to, of one of which, I am proud to say, I am a member; I have no hesitation in saying, that they would to a man, have been delighted to contribute their mite, toward the formation of a *substantial proof* of the exertions used by the two members of the Grand Lodge—P. G. Geo. Dickson and P. G. Hardie—to the former the Order is much indebted, whose particular influence and extensive acquaintance, in this section of the Province, I contend was the principal cause of the great success that attended the Deputation on their mission, and who, during the inclemency of a Canadian winter, travelled night and day, to extend the Order; the benefits of which is now felt and acknowledged in this, and doubtless many other places also. Since D. P. G. M. Hardie has left us, for a more genial climate, I hope that an opportunity will yet be afforded the ten Lodges, that they may be enabled to present his colleague, P. G. Geo. P. Dickson, with a similar *substantial proof* of their appreciation of his services. I am, Dear Sir and Brother, Your's, in F. L. & T.,

CATABAQUI.

Kingston, December 4, 1846.

QUALIFICATION OF REPRESENTATIVES.

It will be necessary for Representatives who attend the first and other Sessions of the Grand Lodge of British North America, to be members of the Royal Purple Degree. Brothers who are deputed on that business, and who are not members of the Patriarchal Order, will do well to qualify themselves by application for admission into the Encampment, should there be one within their jurisdiction.

No Representative is qualified to sit in the Grand Lodge of British North America, (nor can he be admitted) unless he has attained that standing in the Order.

BIRTH

In this city, on the 10th instant, the wife of P. G. M. W. M. B. Hartley, of a son.

THE FRIENDLESS.

It is strange and sad that society does afford no stay, no support, to those who are left alone in the wide world; nay, more, that to be so left in a great degree to sever the bond between us and society. He must have some friends. Let him apply to them, we are apt to say, whenever one of these solitary ones comes before us, whether it is advice, assistance, or defence that is needed. "He must have some friends." It is a phrase in constant use, and in our own hearts we go on to say, if he has not, he must have lost them by his own fault, and yet how many events may deprive a man, and much more frequently a woman, of the only friends he or she possessed?

PROVIDENCE.

The following beautiful sonnet, from the Italian of Filiciaia, is taken from an old volume of the Examiner, when under the editorship of Leigh Hunt:—

Just as a mother, with sweet, pious face,
Years towards her little children from her seat,
Gives one a kiss, another an embrace,
Takes this upon her knees, that upon her feet;
And while from actions, looks, complaints, pretences,
She learns their feelings and their various will;
To this a look, to that a word dispenses,
And whether stern or smiling, loves them still;—
So Providence for us, high, infinite,
Makes our necessities its watchful task,
Hearkens to all our prayers, helps all our wants;
And even if it denies what seems our right,
Either denies, because it would have us ask,
Or seems but to deny, or in denying, grants.

LOVE FOR THE DEAD.

The love that survives the tomb, says Irving, is one of the noblest attributes of the soul. If it has its woes, it has likewise its delights; and when the overwhelming burst of grief is calmed into the gentle tear of recollection, then the sudden anguish and convulsive agony over the present ruins of all that we most loved, are softened away into pensive meditations on all that was in the day of its loveliness. Who would root such a sorrow from the heart, though it may sometimes throw a passing cloud over the bright hour of gaiety, or spread a deeper sadness over the hour of gloom; yet who would exchange it even for the song of pleasure or the burst of revelry? No; there is a voice from the tomb sweeter than song; there is a remembrance of the dead to which we turn even from the charms of the living.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE R. W. GRAND LODGE OF CANADA.

Montreal, 8th May, 1846.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled this evening at 8 o'clock, pursuant to adjournment.

Present—M. W. Grand Master, in the Chair, R. W. D. Grand Master, R. W. G. Secretary.

On motion of D. G. M. Thomas Hardie, seconded by P. G. Wm. Hilton, the order of business was suspended, to admit as a member of the R. W. Grand Lodge, P. G. E. Murney, who was in attendance, to take his seat as an additional Representative of Victoria Lodge, No. 6.—Whereupon P. G. E. Murney, was introduced by P. G. Wm. Hilton, acting as Grand Conductor in the absence of that Officer.

The R. W. Grand Secretary presented and read several communications, which were referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

The R. W. G. Secretary presented the Credentials of P. G. J. M. Gilbert, elected as the Representative of Canada Lodge, No. 8,—which was referred to the Committee on Elections and Returns.

The Committee on Correspondence presented the following Report:—

Your Committee to whom was referred the communication from Victoria Lodge, No. 6, dated 31st March, Belleville, beg leave to report, that we have examined the same, and would recommend the Grand Lodge to take the subject into consideration, while the Representative from that Lodge is present. All which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed)

THOMAS HARDIE,
E. L. MONTIZAMBERT.
W. M. B. HARTLEY.

Which on motion of P. G. C. P. Dickson, seconded by P. G. W. Hilton, was accepted, and the recommendation adopted.

Whereupon, on motion of P. G. M. W. M. B. Hartley, seconded by P. G. E. Murney, this R. W. Grand Lodge resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the same, P. G. M. W. M. B. Hartley in the Chair; when after a short time spent therein, the M. W. Grand Master resumed the Chair, and P. G. M. W. M. B. Hartley res