

elected as first Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, and occupied the chair for five years, retiring in 1860, but being again elected in 1866, he sat for two years, when in consequence of a judicial appointment, he declined to offer himself for re-election. He was in 1872, however, prevailed upon to preside over the Order, and consented, and was re-elected in 1872 and 1873 and last year, remaining in office until his death. His eminence in the Order is evidenced by the fact that a Masonic district and several Lodges in Ontario bear his name. Anxious to do all in his power for the promotion of harmony in the Craft,—whose first motto is brotherly love—his name will long be treasured in our memories, in connection with the difficulties with which the formation of our Grand Lodge was attended, as the great peace-maker of Masonic Canada. We know what is the reward of those who act in this wise, and let us hope that when we have fulfilled our earthly destiny we may have the equal consummation of our wishes in seeing lowering clouds disappear, and knowing that our hand helped them to melt away beneath similar benign influences. I have no doubt the Grand Lodge will express its sympathy to its sister Grand Lodge by passing a vote of condolence on the death of their Grand Master.

We were again called upon in May to regard the uncertainty of human life in the demise of one whose face was still more familiar in our own Grand Lodge. I refer to Right Worshipful Brother M. R. Meigs, M.D., Past District Deputy Grand Master of the Bedford District. No one who like myself has attended the meetings of Grand Lodge since its formation, or of the Board of General Purposes or the several Committees of Conference, can ever forget the unwearying interest, the straightforward line of conduct, and the ability manifested by this brother. His unremitting exertions to promote and extend the interest and welfare of the Grand Lodge of Quebec should receive our warmest acknowledgments of gratitude, and Grand Lodge cannot but offer to his young widow the assurance of its deep sympathy and condolence in the severe loss which she has sustained. The obituary of the year includes among other less prominent brethren, Vicomte de Ponte Ferreira, Past Grand Master of Hungary, a very faithful member of the Craft under trying circumstances.

The Grand Lodges which, since the last communication, have been officially announced to be in correspondence with our Grand Lodge are: Maryland, Ireland, Minnesota, New Jersey and Florida. The following is a list of my appointments of representatives of this Grand Lodge to them:—R. W. Bro. Tyson, of Baltimore, near the Grand Lodge of Maryland; V. W. Bro. George Hill Major, near the Grand Lodge of Ireland; R. W. Bro. E. D. Porter, near the Grand Lodge of Minnesota; R. W. Bro. George B. Edwards, of Jersey City Heights, near the Grand Lodge of New Jersey; and R. W. Bro. William Taylor, near the Grand Lodge of Florida. I have recommended as Grand Representatives of these Grand Lodges near Quebec: R. W. Bro. E. M. Copeland, for Maryland; R. W. Bro. Benjamin Burland, of St. John's for Ireland; R. W. Bro. William Nivin, for Minnesota; R. W. Bro. H. D. Pickel, for New Jersey; and R. W. Bro. Thomas Allen, of St. Andrew's Lodge, Montreal, for Florida.

In April last a letter was received from the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of England, informing us that at its Quarterly Communication of the 3rd March, on the recommendation of the M. W. Grand Master, the following resolution was unanimously passed:

"The M. W. Grand Master has received official information from the Hon. Sir John Macdonald, K.C.B., the representative of this Grand Lodge at the Grand Lodge of Canada, that the difficulties subsisting between the