

of Constitution relating to District Deputy Grand Masters, as Section 12, viz.: "That he shall receive from the funds of Grand Lodge the sum of Five Dollars for every lodge visited in his District, for the year, which shall be payable on his report being received and adopted by Grand Lodge, under the cheque of the President of the Board of General Purposes.

7. By R. W. Bro. J. E. Harding,—That the Constitution be amended by changing the date of meeting of Grand Lodge, from the second Wednesday in September to the second Wednesday in July.

8. By R. W. Bro. J. B. Traves,—That no Brother be permitted to sit in a Master Mason's Lodge, until he has passed a satisfactory examination in the work of that degree.

9. By R. W. Bro. J. G. Burns,—That the Book of Constitution be so amended as to provide that all routine business in private lodges be transacted in the third degree instead of the first, as at present.

10. By M. W. Bro. J. K. Kerr,—Amendments to the Constitution, making provision for the re-distribution of Districts and their erection into Provinces.

#### Grand Lodge of Manitoba.

We are in receipt of the printed proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba at its second annual communication held at the city of Winnipeg, on the 13th to 16th days of June, 1877. The meeting seems to have been an interesting one, and much important business was transacted.

The Grand Lodge being opened in Ample Form, and the Committee on Credentials having presented their reports, the M. W. the Grand Master delivered his address, from which we extract the following, which is of general interest:—

"As required by resolution passed at the last Annual Communication, I have appointed two separate Committees to exemplify the work. As you are aware, all our Lodges do not use the same ritual. There is a diversity in their working. It was thought that, if possible, some one particular form of work should be prescribed and adopted as the work of the Grand Lodge. But there have been difficulties in the way. Other Grand Lodges have also met them. But I would recommend you, my brethren, as other Grand Lodges have done, to be very careful that whatever you do, nothing may be done to cause or occasion ill-feeling or discord, so that in grasping at the shadow we may lose

the substance. While I would be sorry to do or say anything that would be calculated in any way to lessen the necessity in your eyes of a proper and uniform ritual in the working of our Lodges, I would endeavor to impress upon your minds the vastly greater necessity of establishing and perpetuating by our lives and conduct, in Lodge and out of it, the great principles upon which Masonry is founded. Freemasonry deals more in realities than in rituals, be they ever so beautiful. Forms and symbols are only valuable, as they represent virtues deep-seated in the heart. Without this, they are worse than vanity."

Reference was made to the so-called Grand Lodge of Ontario in these words:—

"My attention has been called to the action of a few mistaken brethren in the Province of Ontario, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Canada, forming themselves into what they call the Grand Lodge of Ontario. As no official application has been made, as far as I am aware, for recognition by this Grand Lodge, I did not think it necessary to issue an edict in regard to this matter, although I strongly felt the impropriety of the action of these brethren. I am glad to see that, almost universally, recognition has been withheld from this so-called Grand Lodge, and I would strongly recommend that you should so express your opinion of such unmasonic conduct. It is so manifestly illegal, and contrary to all the usages and regulations of the Craft, that one wonders how brethren of intelligence could have been so misguided.

"I am glad to see that during the year you have taken occasion to exercise the principles of benevolence and charity for which you have been in the past characterized. Besides private contributions, and as Lodges, you have raised by subscription from among the members, a sum exceeding four hundred dollars, which has been handed over to the Winnipeg General Hospital. This liberal exhibition of Freemasonry was made at the suggestion of our Worthy Bro. Symonds, who is always foremost in every good work, and to whom the credit in a great measure belongs. In this city, in consequence of the large influx of strangers, the kind word and the open hand are more often called into requisition than in most places, and I am glad to say, the response has always followed the call.

"And now, brethren, by way of conclusion, let us consider for a moment the position of Masonry in this Province. What can we do to elevate its tone? What can we do to bring honor on the cause we love so well? Barely two years have passed since the Grand Lodge was formed. I am glad to see that our action in so doing, and the manne-