

equally by all; and whereas the resolution adopted by the Grand Lodge of Maine is an evident attempt on their part to intimidate this Grand Lodge, and to coerce our loyal brethren to further disruption and schism;

Now Know Ye, that for these and other reasons, and by virtue of the power in us vested as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, We do hereby order and direct that all official correspondence and communication between this Grand Lodge and the Grand Lodge of the State of Maine shall cease and terminate; and We command all our worshipful and loving brethren within this our jurisdiction, not to admit into our Lodges any Mason claiming to hail from the said Grand Lodge of Maine, nor otherwise to hold any Masonic communication with such; and We do further order and direct that this our edict shall remain in full force and effect until the Grand Lodge of Maine shall have rescinded the above cited resolution.

And We do further revoke the commission of our Representative at said Grand Lodge.

Done and passed at the office of the Grand Master, at Simcoe, this 13th day of October, A. D. 1873.

WM. M. WILSON, Grand Master.

[Seal of G. L.] [ATTEST.] THOS. B. HARRIS, Grand Secretary.

WE have received a circular from Norfolk, Va., setting forth that the brethren of that city have begun the erection of a Masonic Temple, which the funds at their disposal are inadequate to finish. In this emergency they have started a lottery, or as they euphuistically term it, a grand Gift Concert, with 100,000 tickets at \$5 each, prizes to be given aggregating \$250,000. We regret very much that the Norfolk brethren should have taken such a step. Lotteries are entirely opposed to the spirit of Masonry; they are wrong in principle and demoralizing in tendency. It would have been much better for the Masons to delay the construction of their building until their legitimately acquired funds were sufficient for the work than to resort to expedients of questionable utility and assured immorality.

MASONIC RECORD.

THE BOARD of General purposes will meet at Belleville on the second Tuesday in the month of February.

A COMMITTEE of the Grand Lodge of California proposes that Lodges represented in Grand Lodge shall have, in addition to the votes of its three principal officers and Past Masters, one vote for every twenty-five members over fifty.

THE GRAND LODGE of California favors the abolition of affiliation fees, urging that a Mason should not be taxed for doing his duty. The fees, it is said, are a principal cause of so many non-affiliated Masons existing in the neighborhood of Lodges.

GRAND MASTER HALL, of Vermont, earnestly protests against too prevalent laxity in the reception of candidates for Masonic privileges. Now that Masonry is popular men flock into the order by thousands who have no love of it at heart; but when the time of trial comes they will be found wanting.

JURISPRUDENCE.—The following decisions have been given by Grand Master Hawley of Illinois. The District Deputy, the present Master, or any Past Master of a Lodge may install officers. If a Brother legally ineligible be elected Master, the election may be confirmed with the written consent of the Master and Wardens.

A GRAND LODGE of Greece was organized at Athens, July 22, 1872. The M. W. Master is Prince Rodocanakis. Eight constituent Lodges were represented.

THE GRAND LODGE of Nebraska has decided that a Master Mason not in good standing is not entitled to recognition because he may be a member of a Chapter. Also, that the trafficking in lottery tickets, and all schemes, enterprises, and games of chance, are corrupting and demoralizing in their tendencies; and as such are offenses against the fundamental principles of Masonry; and all persons guilty of such practices shall be subject to the same penalties as the liquor dealer, the habitual drunkard, the profane swearer, or professional gambler.

A LODGE was organized at Victoria, in the County of Simcoe, on the 12th of December, by R. W. Bro. Henry Robertson, Deputy District Grand Master. It is named Minerva Lodge. The officers installed are, Robt. King, of Barrie, Worshipful Master;