

by the duly authorized representatives of the Mark degree on July 6th, not having been ratified by the Grand Mark Lodge, on the 1st August, as stipulated in such treaty, the Royal Ark Mariner Grand Lodge is now an entirely independent body, and the degrees of the Order will from this date be conferred on all Master Masons in good standing who may desire to have them.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

MORTON EDWARDS, S.G.C. R.A.M.

Office of the Grand Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners, 7, Gower-street, Bedford-Square, London, August 2nd, 1871.

In alluding to this subject we may remark that three Royal Ark Lodges, established in this country, are all under the jurisdiction of the G.: Ark Lodge of England. Right Worshipful Brother Col. W. J. B. MacLeod Moore being Representative and Inspector-General for the whole of Canada.

The Premier Lodge "Morton Edwards" is established and in good working order, under Worshipful Brother George C. Longley, Com.: N.:, at Maitland; the second "Olive Branch U.D.," was established by Wor.: Brother Robert Ramsay, Past Com.: N.:, Orillia, and is now thoroughly organized under Wor.: Brother J. A. Ardagh, Com.: N.:, and the third "MacLeod Moore," is opened, and will soon be "under full sail and afloat" in Toronto, under Worshipful Brother N. G. Bigelow, Com.: N.:.

The degree is a pretty one, and now that the ship is fairly launched in the Dominion, we feel confident that there is a long and prosperous voyage ahead of her.

PROCEEDINGS OF GRAND BODIES.

CONNECTICUT.—We are indebted to Rt.: Ex.: Comp.: J. K. Wheeler, Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of Connecticut for a copy of the proceedings of that body for 1870-71. We find that our Companions of "the Land of Habits" are at all events fond of a

little holiday, as they manage to have the meetings of this G. Chap. about double as often as any other state in the Union, except poor old "Philadelphia," who congregates her R. A. masons together from her suburbs of Pennsylvania somewhere about four times a-year, and as much oftener as she likes. Philadelphia however, does not *sue* her little boys of Pennsylvania if they don't attend—Connecticut does. Funny! But to Connecticut. The address of the Grand High Priest is a purely business document of local interest only. The D. G. H. P., (t. K.), and G. S., all submitted a report which proved they had been faithful overseers. The Report of Committee on Foreign Correspondence is excellent. In alluding to Canada, Rt.: Ex.: Comp.: Lockwood criticises the proposal of our Grand Z.:, relative to Grand Chapter assuming authority over Cryptic Masonry, it is, however, all right now, Companion. Cryptic Masonry is on a firm basis here in Ontario, a Grand Council having been duly organized, with our Grand Z.: as Grand Master of the same, for as you truly remark, "The Canada Companions very sensibly believe in putting and keeping the right man in the right place." Nova Scotia receives favourable notice, and the writer says, "we predict a bright and glorious future." So mote it be! Connecticut has thirty-four Chapters on her roll, and a membership of three thousand eight hundred and thirty-five. M.: E.: Comp.: C. W. Stearns was elected Grand High Priest, and our friend Rt.: Ex.: Comp.: Wheeler, Grand Secretary. Long may he hold that honored position.

GRAND LODGE OF COLORED MASONS.

The several lodges of Colored Masons of California, met in convention, July 27th, and organized a Grand Lodge, with the following officers: Peter Anderson, M. W. G. M.; Wm. A. Smith, R. W. D. G. M.; Henry Tolbert, R. W. S. G. W.; J. G. Palfier, R. W. J. G. W.; Dawson Thomas, R. W. G. T.; Nelson Cook, R. W. G. Sect'y; Jas. Riker, G. M.; Joseph Jacques, G. S. B.; Robert McCleary, G. M. of C.; Rev Wm. Smith, G. Chaplain; James H. Bell, G. S. B.; J. E. Francis, S. G. D.; R. B. Schofield, J. G. D.; Henry Smith and R. A.