

cannot but be regarded as discourteous and without promise of any good results. We hope to hear of a speedy withdrawal of the appointment.—*Freemasons' Repository.*

Three lodges in Montreal are allegiant to the Grand Lodge of England. These lodges are independent of the authority of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, and work in their own manner without much regard to the desires of the majority of the Fraternity who acknowledge the rule of the last named Grand Body. The result is constant discussion and annoyance among the brethren most interested. We cannot see why the Grand Lodge of England does not ask for the return of the charters of these lodges in Montreal, and suggest their conformity to the local Masonic authority. Aside from all questions of abstract right, such a course would seem to be recommended as in the interests of peace and prosperity. The Grand Lodge of Quebec ought to be the supreme governing power of all the Craft in that province.—*Freemasons' Repository.*

CARED FOR BY FRIENDS.—Many persons who do not know better allege that the principles of Masonry do not require it to act the part of the Good Samaritan towards a brother who may unfortunately be ill and in distress. That this is not by any means true is evident from a case which occurred a short time ago. Mr. —, a member of a Brantford, Ont., lodge, but for some time a resident in Toronto, and well known by the Toronto brethren, left this city to push his fortunes in a Californian town. After being there for a short time he went to Texas, where he was pretty successful in business. He decided to pay a visit to Canada, and started on his journey, but only got as far as Denver, Col., when he was stricken down with rheumatic fever. Here he lay for several months, during part of which he was in an unconscious condition. When he arrived at Den-

ver he did not know a person in the place. He had not been in his bed more than three days before the Masonic Relief Association learned of his illness and his being a Mason. These men, whom he had never seen or even heard of before, at once came to his assistance. During his entire illness, both by day and by night, one of these faithful brothers was at his side. Under their care he recovered. Going to the doctor who had attended him, he asked for his bill, and received the reply that it had been already paid. The same answer met his inquiry at the drug store. In fact all the expenses were paid. But, to further show their obedience to the laws of the Order, two brothers came with him at their own expense to Toronto, considering it a part of their duty to do so. Here he arrived last week with only a few dollars in his pocket.—*Toronto Mail, May 19th.*

PRESENTATION.—Bro. Charles T. McClenachan, of well-earned literary and Masonic fame, has lately been honored by a hearty ovation given him by the Consistory of New York city, of which organization he is the Commander, being loved and respected by all its members. In this position as well as in other relations, Bro. McClenachan has rendered important services to the Scottish Rite, and a few of his friends felt that the time had come for them to signify in some especial manner their appreciation of his able endeavors to establish the Rite on a firm foundation and ensure its prosperity. Saturday evening, June 30, being the close of the Scottish Rite year, was selected as the time when such an expression should be made. There was a large gathering of members, and sixteen postulants were instructed in the wisdom of the 26th degree; then came an address by Bro. Charles Roome, who in behalf of all present tendered to Commander McClenachan a fine Jurgenson gold watch, gold chain, and an exquisitely cut seal of the double-headed eagle. Bro. Geo. H.