

isdiction directly interested, but to the craft generally. Be it therefore

Resolved, that this Grand Lodge request the Grand Master to enter into correspondence with his Royal Highness the Most Worshipful the Grand Master of England and the M. W. the Grand Master of Quebec, looking to the end that harmony and brotherly love prevail between England and the craft in this Dominion.

The motion introduced providing for Toronto being the permanent meeting place of Grand Lodge was overwhelmingly defeated.

Owen Sound was selected as the next meeting place. The other places mentioned were Ottawa, London, St. Thomas and St. Catharines.

W. Bro. W. J. Boardman gave notice of motion to alter the present constitution which grants officers power to resign before their term of office expires.

W. Bro. C. C. Robinson, of Aurora, renewed his notice of motion that all the business of warranted lodges be done in the third degree.

R. W. Bro. Wade, of Brussels, that no voting papers for members of the Board of General Purposes be counted unless they contain the number of names each brother is enabled to vote for.

After the installation of officers it was decided to present Past Grand Master Robertson with a suitable testimonial in acknowledgment of past services.

The labors of Grand Lodge were brought to a close in the usual manner. M. W. Bro. Elotz leading the vocal exercises.

GRAND MASTER WALKEM.

M. W. Bro. R. T. Walkem was born September 30th, 1840, in Waterford, Ireland, where he lived until he was four years old, when his parents came to Canada. He spent his school and college days in Montreal, where he graduated with honors. In 1860 he came to Toronto, where he studied law until 1864, when he removed to Kingston, and in 1865 was called to the bar in that city. In 1880 he was honored with the title of Queen's Counsel. Bro. Walkem was initiated into Freemasonry in Kingston, January 8th, 1874, Ancient St. John's Lodge, No. 3, being his masonic birthplace. In 1877 he was elected W. M., and in 1879 80 occupied the position of D. D. G. M., an office that he was called upon to fill the greater part of 1881, owing to the removal from that jurisdiction of his successor. Since 1879 Bro.

Walkem has been a member of the Board of General Purposes. In 1886, when Grand Lodge met at Windsor, he was chosen Deputy Grand Master, and he discharged the duties of the position so efficiently as to merit the following compliment from Past Grand Master Robertson in his recent address to Grand Lodge:—"I have to acknowledge with thanks the efficient services rendered during the past year by the Deputy Grand Master, R. W. Bro. R. T. Walkem, and especially for his kindness in relieving me of a great deal of onerous work in the eastern section of our jurisdiction. He has always been ready to undertake any Masonic labor and indefatigable in his exertions for the benefit of the craft." Bro. Walkem is Third Principal of Cataraqui R. A. Chapter, Kingston. In addition to devoting considerable time to Freemasonry, Bro. Walkem lends his energies to promoting the welfare of the Anglican Church, of which he is a prominent member. At the present time he is treasurer of the Provincial Synod of the Diocese of Ontario, a member of the Board of Missions of the Provincial Synod, and one of the Advisors to the Court of Appeal of the Metropolitan Bishop. For many years Bro. Walkem took a warm interest in politics, favouring the Conservative Party, but lately he has held aloof from them, owing it is stated, to his refusal to blindly follow party leaders.

Correspondence.

We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions of our Correspondents.

THE RITUAL.

To the Editor of the CANADIAN CRAFTSMAN.

DEAR SIR & BRO.,—Keep up an agitation against the stupid innovations in our ritual. I like the way you hit the matter. You didn't aim high and miss the mark, but you make a bull's-eye, and it is sure to count. If the objectionable work was referred to in Grand Lodge let your readers know what was done.

Yours &c.

Hamilton.

ANTI-REFORM.

[When the finance committee's report came up for adoption the ritual was slightly referred to. Grand Master Robertson then announced that the Work had been prepared at the direction of