

S. G. Deacon.—The Earl of Haddington.
J. G. Deacon.—J. Caldwell.
Archd. G. Lodge.—Wm. Hay.

Several alterations in the Constitution of Grand Lodge were proposed, the greater part having been recommended by the Grand Committee. Amongst the changes adopted was the giving power to the Grand Master to appoint the Deputies and Substitute Grand Masters; and that no Grand Officer should hold office longer than two years consecutively, or be eligible for re-election until he be one year out of office, with the exception of the Grand Master, the Deputy and Substitute Masters, the Secretary, and Cashier and Tyler.

No reference appears to have been made to the position in which the Grand Lodge occupies with regard to that of Quebec.

Grand Lodge of Manitoba.

We regret to observe that there is a very unmasonic spirit creeping into our Order in different parts of the world. The Freemasons of France have lately removed one of the Great Landmarks—a belief in God—and have thus thrown open the portals of Freemasonry, in that country, to the atheist, contrary to the express requirements of the Ancient Charges. The Freemasons of Scotland have, within the past few months, invaded the jurisdiction of a friendly Grand Lodge, contrary to all Masonic law and order; and now, we learn, that there has been a schism in the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, and certain Past Grand Officers, two of them being Past Grand Masters, have taken upon themselves to call a meeting of the Grand Lodge, without the knowledge or consent of the Grand Master. It may then well be asked, where will all this end? Is it in this way that the principles of the Order are to be exemplified? What a travesty on that grand principle of Freemasonry, *brotherly love*!

We are not in possession of all

the facts connected with this rebellious movement in Manitoba, nor are we reliably informed of the causes which have led to it. We have given *official* publication to the edicts of the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, suspending the brethren referred to for their conduct, but beyond this we have no *official* notification. A local exchange, the *Selkirk Inter-Ocean*, states that the "split" is on a question of ritual, one party preferring the American work, and the other the Canadian, and that those favorable to the Canadian work had met and organized into a Grand Lodge, with M. W. Bro. W. A. Kennedy, a P. G. M. of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, as Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. E. G. Conklin, a P. G. J. W., as Grand Secretary.

If this be indeed the cause of the schism, then the separatist are without excuse. By a resolution of that Grand Lodge, adopted at its second Annual Communication, held on the 13th June, 1877, the Ancient York was adopted as the ritual for the Lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba. We cannot see what reasonable ground there is for this unfortunate movement, and we sincerely hope that the difficulty may be removed, and a reconciliation effected between the parties. More on the subject when we are in possession of all the facts.

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Oxford Chapter, No 18, R A M, Woodstock, Ont: R E Comp C L Beard, 1st Prin; E Comp J Coaville, 2nd Prin; E Comp G Anderson, 3rd Prin; Comp Dr L H Swan, S; Comp Geo Middleton, 1st Asst S; Comp Asa Hall, 2nd Asst S; Comp J E Thacker, Scribe E; Comp H Thornton, Scribe N. The Installation will take place on the third Friday of February.

Harriston Lodge, No 262, Harriston, W M, W Bro H Leighton; S W, J Livingstone; J. W, R H Young; Chap, R G Lambert; Treas, D Hamilton; Secretary, A J Stewart; S D, Jas Smith; J D, H Strong; Stewards, J Fisher and R Dowling; I G, E H Dewar; Tyler, S L Haight.