

ticular interest in the Gourgas-Pike controversy—which could easily be carried on in a more dignified manner—further than as a matter of news, the only opinion we express is deep regret at such bickerings. Certainly one of the contestants must be right; whoever it may be is a matter of indifference to us, and the longer such unseemly wrangling is indulged in the more widely spread will the indifference become. Of course Bro. Pike has yet to be heard from. He may make out even a better case than Bro. Gourgas, but supposing he does, will that lessen the breach? As both rites exist, and have good followings, why should not the leading spirits devote their energies to building them up instead of sailing dangerously near to mud-throwing? In some cases it appears that accumulated titles and degrees obliterate the lessons of morality, charity and brotherly love taught in Blue Masonry. More is the pity such a state of affairs exists, and that it does is plainly set forth by the brethren conducting this controversy.

MASONIC WEEK.

For an entire week Freemasonry and its adjuncts predominated in Toronto. The brethren enjoyed their visit, appreciating the hospitality of the local craftsmen, the accommodation at the hotels, in the Opera house and lodge rooms, wondering at the rapid growth of our city, viewing with astonishment our business facilities, seats of learning, places of amusement, and the ease and rapidity with which connections were made with places elsewhere looked upon as far distant. Whatever may be said to the contrary, our city is an attraction, and its Masons are loyal to the Craft. We may not be able to boast of a grand temple, but we possess something greater than a massive pile—the mere product of an architect's fancy and workmen's skill—a goodly number of genuine Freemasons, who endeavor to live up to the teachings of our institution.

Taking up the events of the week in their proper sequence, the first body that met was the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters, whose business was transacted on Monday, July 16. Chiefly formal affairs occupied the attention of the Illustrious Companions, and beyond the election of officers the session was almost barren in results.

The Board of General Purposes of Grand Lodge began its sessions on Monday, and met periodically until Thursday, their business being regulated by the business of Grand Lodge.

On Tuesday the gathering of the Knights Templar was the feature of the day. There was a good attendance and much interest manifested in the proceedings. Contrary to the usual custom, the allocation of Col. Moore was not printed, and we are therefore not in a position to take any extracts from it. Later on we will endeavor to give place to some of the Colonel's remarks.

Grand Lodge was opened Wednesday, the sessions being held in the Opera house, which is much more commodious than the Masonic hall, and more convenient than the pavilion in the Horticultural Gardens. It was a noteworthy gathering of craftsmen in several respects. The attendance was very large, 174 lodges being represented by the constitutional delegates or by proxies. The delegates present possessed the right to cast 1175 votes, most of which were deposited in one instance. Among the representatives were 425 past masters, a conclusive proof that many brethren who have passed through the chairs still take a deep interest in the workings of the Craft. The proceedings were very harmonious, no subject under discussion causing any bitterness of speech. The elections in several instances, were practically unanimous. R. W. Bro. Walkem receiving every vote cast save two, for Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. Robertson nine-tenths for Deputy Grand Master. R. W. Bro. John A. Wills was also honored with a good majority, while R. W. Bros. Mitchell and Mason, Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary,