

In reply to my communication to the District Secretary, I am this day in receipt of his letter, which reads as follows: "That the appointment of auditors is clearly the duty of the lodge, and of the lodge only.

Section 2, which you quote, does . . . undoubtedly empower the W. M. to appoint . . . etc., also all committees for conducting the business of the lodge, which the R.W. D.D.G.M. rules (in face of said section 7) to mean all other committees (not distinctly provided for) for conducting the business of the lodge."

With reference to this last I quote further from his reply: "The Book of Constitutions, under the head of 'Private Lodges,' lays down the duty of lodges very clearly, and the last clause of section 17, p. 45, can only mean what is therein expressed, and cannot be qualified by any other clause in the Book of Constitutions."

Does not the same argument hold good of section 2, where it expressly provides that the Master shall appoint all committees, etc.?

The matter, of course, is not very important, and so far as the advisability of an election by the lodge is concerned, I rather approve of our D.D.G.M.'s ruling; but the question is, what does the Constitution intend?

Answer—In our opinion, the audit committee of a lodge should be elected by the lodge, and not appointed by the Master.

The words of the Constitution are: "The accounts of the lodge shall be audited at least once in every year by a committee appointed by the lodge." This certainly means what it says, and it is as plain and explicit as need be. It is also reasonable. The funds of the lodge being under the control of the Master and Treasurer, it is eminently proper that the investigation of the accounts should not be in the hands of a body appointed by either one of the parties who disburse the moneys.

As to the stress placed upon section 2, it may fairly be argued that the audit committee is not a committee "for conducting the business of the lodge." The auditors are to see that certain business has been properly conducted, and not to conduct any business themselves. It is not, however, necessary to force such a construction; as it is quite clear that the power given to the Master to ap-

point committees does not authorize him to name a special committee for a certain particular duty which the Constitution says shall be appointed by the lodge.

A by-law providing that the Master shall appoint the audit committee is illegal and void, because it is "contrary to" and "inconsistent with the general regulations of the Grand Lodge," as laid down in the Book of Constitution.

Installations.

Officers of Quinte Lodge, No. 241, Shannonville, installed by W. Bro. John Kemp—I P M, C E Clark; W M, John Kemp; S W, J B Gould; J W, John Dorean; Treas, A L Roberts; Sec, C E Clark; Chap, W E Pearsall; S D, D L Brown; J D, R Elliot; S S, Alfred Clark; J S, M Beckworth; I G, A Boulton; Tyler, N Roblin; D of C, L A Appleby.

Officers of Corinthian Chapter, R. A. M., Peterboro'—Z, Ex Comp John Hull; P Z, Ex Comp Rev V Clementi; H, Ex Comp D Frazer, M D; J, Ex Comp W Paterson, jun'r; S E, Comp R A Morrow; S N, Comp D Cameron; Treas, V Ex Comp H C Winch; P S, Comp W H Casement; S S, Comp S Sheldrake; D of C, V Ex Comp R H Green; M of V, Comps R S Davidson, A H Gilbert and R Q Dench; Jan, V Ex Comp H Rush.

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It is stated that the Royal Arch Chapter, A. F. & A. M., which has heretofore had its headquarters at Seaforth, has been transferred to Clinton.

Winnipeg Lodge Perfection, Scottish Rite, has presented W. Brother Bell, 32°, with a very handsome gold watch in appreciation of his services.

We are much pleased to learn that the two lodges at Colborne, Ont., have been amalgamated. This will prove of great advantage to the Craft in the village, one good, strong lodge being preferable to two weak ones.

The Masons of Thamesford gave a grand concert at their hall recently, at which some of the best musical talent in Ingersoll assisted. Grand Master Moffat and Grand Chaplain Davis, of London, were present.

Bro. Sam. A. J. Donovan, one of the old pioneer settlers of the county of Bruce, and one of the oldest Masons in Canada, being nearly sixty years a Mason, died at