

The Grand Lodge of Massachusetts has formally recognized honorary membership, requiring that candidates shall be proposed and balloted for as in other cases, but shall be received without fee. Unanimous ballot is not "deemed necessary when the candidate is an active member, unless the by-laws so provide."

Illinois is moving in the establishment of a widows' and orphans' home. The visit of Oriental Consistory to our Home wakened them up. They are not made of the stuff that will fail, either. Pennsylvania is going ahead too, on the same line. The brethren of New York and Texas are moving in the same direction. May success attend them. *Amen.*

Bro. Frank W. Baxter says that the Grand Chapter of Maine passed resolutions endorsing the position taken by the Grand Chapter of Quebec (in the Quebec-English muddle), and instructed its Representative in the General Grand Chapter to ask that body to revoke its recognition of the Grand Lodge of Mark Masters of England, &c.

At the seventeenth annual meeting of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick, held April 22, the following amendment to the constitution was adopted:—"Every candidate initiated in a lodge shall become a member thereof upon receiving the third degree, and shall thereupon sign the by-laws and be liable for regular dues." Why not when initiated? Is he not then made a Mason? Why is he to be left as an inexperienced apprentice without a recognized home?

Boston Masons have frequent receptions, banquets, etc. Their feasts not only abound in that which maketh glad the stomach, but inspires lofty thought, social enjoyment, and cultivates the harmony of sweet sounds. We lack the musical part in Kentucky, or, if it is attempted, it is often overdone. We ought to "jine in" and get our hearts attuned to fully appreciate this part—as much so, as to eat in order to enjoy a banquet.—*Ex.*

Haverhill (Mass.) Lodge of Perfection ignores the Northern Jurisdiction, A. & A. S. R., in open defiance of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts. What will the venerable Grand Lodge do about it? Is it wise to enact laws that the Grand body dare not enforce? The fact is the Grand Lodge was intolerant in its action, and Masonry will not submit to such an unmasonic interference with individual rights.

DeMolay Commandery having accepted an invitation to visit the Grand Commandery of Tennessee on the 20th, at Nashville, and give a display drill, were unable to take the "California gang" along, but filled up with others. Sir Phil. T. Allin, Senior Warden, could not go, and Sir John Macauley took his place Thursday before the Commandery left. Sir Henry B. Grant was drawn from the reserves, as a general-utility-man, to act as Junior Warden. "Daddy Ryan" went as substitute under pledge to keep his hat on.—*Ex.*

An excursion to New York is in contemplation by St. Andrew's Lodge, Toronto, which no doubt will prove a very pleasant one.