

Grand Lodge of England at its Quarterly Communication, on the 5th inst., by the M. W. the Grand Master, H. R. H. the Prince of Wales. A report of the proceedings thereon, has not yet reached us.

We are of the opinion that immediate action should be taken by the Grand Lodge of Canada. It will not do to allow the matter to lie over until the next regular Annual Communication, which by the change of the Constitution, will not be held until next September. It is probable that many of our Canadian brethren will be going to France next year, with a view of visiting Paris and the International Exhibition, and they should be interdicted from visiting French Lodges. We think, therefore, that the Grand Master would be justified in calling a Special Communication to be held as soon as possible. The Board of General Purposes meets at Kingston in February, and as there will be many brethren then assembled for the purpose of attending that Board, we think that it would be a good time and place for holding such Special Communication.

Notices of Motion.

Our readers are probably aware that, by the Constitution of Grand Lodge, no notice to alter or amend its laws, rules, or regulations, or for adding a new law, rule, or regulation, will be entertained, unless notice in writing, stating the amendment proposed, be given at the Communication previous to that at which it is to be brought before Grand Lodge. The wisdom of such a provision is apparent, and tends to prevent, to a great extent, trivial and unnecessary changes in the Constitution. An opportunity is thus afforded to every

Mason in the jurisdiction, as well as to members of Grand Lodge to consider and weigh well the effects of such contemplated change. We are of the opinion that no alteration in the Constitution should be seriously entertained, unless the *general* welfare of the Craft demands it. Too often some irrepressible brother, with some crotchet in his head, seeks to disturb the harmonious working of the Order by endeavoring to make changes in the laws and regulations which govern it, and by his irrepressibility and persistency succeeds in doing so, only to be altered again the following year.

In order, therefore, to allow our readers an opportunity of discussing publicly and in their lodges the various alterations and amendments to the Constitution which will be proposed to Grand Lodge at its next annual Communication, we publish the following notices of motion which were given at the last general meeting of Grand Lodge:

1. By R. W. Bro. James Moffat.—That Article 1 "of honorary members" in the Book of Constitution, be amended by striking out the words following, "and pay to the Grand Lodge similar dues for such honorary members as are payable for ordinary members."

2. By W. Bro. F. R. Armstrong.—That half the expenses of District Deputy Grand Masters be paid by this Grand Lodge, and the remaining half by the Subordinate Lodges, allowing an equal amount for each lodge.

3. By R. W. Bro. Henry Robertson.—That Article 6 "of the Board of General Purposes" in the Book of Constitution, be amended by striking out all before the word "at" in the second line and inserting therefor the words "The Board shall meet."

4. By V. W. Bro. Wm. Forbes.—That the Grand Secretary be and is hereby authorized to issue a certificate on parchment, under seal of this Grand Lodge, to each Past Master of this Grand Lodge requiring it, and that a fee of \$1 be charged therefor to cover the cost of the same.

5. By W. Bro. David Glass.—That he would move a resolution having in view the restoration of good will amongst the whole Masonic-brethren of the Province of Ontario.

6. By V. W. Bro. Wm. Forbes.—That the following article be added to the Book