

M." comprised in the last issue of the CRAFTSMAN.

In the first place, I quite sympathize with "P. M." when he asserts that "the lack of suitable hotel accommodation for the representatives attending our annual gatherings" is a source of great "inconvenience and discomfort." I also cordially concur in the opinion he expresses that Toronto, and Toronto alone, "has the necessary hotel accommodation to dispose of so large a number as usually attend our meetings in such a way as to secure their comfort."

But when he affirms that this is a question that has been "overlooked" by those who have been advocating the change of time for holding our annual communications, I beg leave to say that he has "overlooked" a resolution, moved also by myself, at the annual communication held in Ottawa last year, to the following effect:

"That Article 17, 'Of the Grand Lodge in the Book of Constitution,' be amended by striking out the words 'at which the place of holding the next communication shall be decided,' and inserting in place thereof the words, 'in the City of Toronto.'"

This resolution was lost, chiefly at the instance and through the opposition of the Toronto brethren themselves, R. W. Bro. Harman speaking strongly and, as I cannot but think, inaptly against it.

I do not, however, agree with "P. M." when he says that "if our Grand Lodge was permanently located at Toronto, there would be no fault found with the heat of the month of July;" for the suffering we endured at Ottawa last year from excessive heat, heat which even affected our rest at night, would be experienced—perhaps in a somewhat modified degree—in Toronto. I need scarcely add that the conclusion of the above sentence—"as Toronto (I underline the 'as') has the necessary hotel accommodation, etc." is a non sequitur.

Your correspondent goes on to sug-

gest that among those who, in the event of the time being changed, (his letter was written before our last meeting) "will be debarred from attending in future by the change," he "may mention principally brethren of the legal profession, millers, and merchants." Now, sir, the present M. W. G. M. and the D. G. M., are all leading members of the legal profession, and were all in favor of the change; and I have no hesitation in expressing my belief, from various conversations I have held with them, that the majority of the members of that profession, save, perhaps, such as have recently become members of Grand Lodge, were equally desirous to have such change effected.

"P. M." is good enough to allude to myself individually, and to intimate that the "demand for a change emanates principally from gentlemen who, like myself, have nothing particular to take up their time, and who would rather spend the warm months at the summer resorts, and attend Grand Lodge in September."

I beg to deny the correctness of this allegation. I have never made the heat of the season an excuse for non-attendance at Grand Lodge, or at the meetings of the Great Priory, or the Grand Chapter. I was in Ottawa last July, and I was in Montreal last August, for the purpose of attending those meetings, and I found abundant time to enjoy the invigorating luxury of the sea-breezes and the sea-bathing after the assembly of the Great Priory.

"P. M." concludes by maintaining that "the convenience of so large a class (business men) should not be sacrificed for the gratification of the small one (gentlemen who have nothing to do) he has named." I am far from being desirous of challenging this dictum. My resolution was before Grand Lodge for a twelvemonth ere it was moved; it was introduced fairly and squarely, at the proper time, at our last session, after the M. W. the