

legislation leads to confusion and is always a source of perplexity.

We have caused to be printed and distributed to all subordinate Lodges copies of the proposed alterations and amendments for the perusal of the Brethren. These will be presented to you during this communication for your adoption, or rejection, and whatever you do finally adopt will be your constitution and bye-laws. The constitution should not be tampered with too often, as it must always be referred to the lodges. Bye-laws may be altered or amended without reference to Lodges. A good committee on jurisprudence should be able to take care of all proposed changes in bye-laws, and this continually proposing amendments to bye-laws and referring the same to Lodges might be stopped. The Grand Lodge seems to have been confused for some time in not understanding the difference between constitution and bye-laws, and much valuable time wasted in discussing matters of law that ought to have been done in committee.

SPECIAL COMMUNICATION.

A special meeting of Grand Lodge was held in Masonic Temple, Charlottetown, on October 13th, 1897, for the purpose of participating in the centennial celebration of St. John's Lodge, No. 1.

VISITATIONS.

On the 14th September we visited St. John's Lodge, No. 1. There was a fair attendance. I examined the secretary's minute book and found it a model. This Lodge, the mother of Prince Edward Island Masonry, has given herself to the whole Province. Still she retains vigorous life, and though she has given so much she still retains the proud position of being No. 1 in many ways.

On the 3rd of February I visited Alexandria Lodge, No. 5, at Port Hill, and was received in a kind and hospitable manner. The meeting was well attended considering that the thermometer

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