

which it is estimated there will be 25,000 spectators. Governor General and Lady Aberdeen are also to be especial guests at the drill. The Sir Knights on this pilgrimage will be accompanied by Schremser's Military Band and Mendelssohn Quartet. The Commandery will give a practice drill at the D. A. C. grounds next Tuesday at 4 p.m.—*American Tyler*.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

We are in receipt of the "Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island, at the 21st Annual communication held at Charlottetown, Wednesday, June 24, 1896." From the report of the Committee on Credentials we find that there were 12 Lodges represented by about 80 members. The Grand Master began his address by expressing a hearty greeting to the members to the 21st anniversary of the Grand Lodge. He referred to the death of Prince Henry of Battenberg, and also to the sad loss of the Grand Secretary in the death of his wife, who was the daughter of a prominent member of the Craft, and was well known in Masonic concerts as a good musician and player. He also referred to the fraternal dead in sister jurisdictions. He gave the following decision on a question, submitted by the W.M. of Victoria Lodge:—

1st. When a P.M. is in charge of a Lodge by request of the W.M., has he the authority to order any officer or member to do regular degree work in the Lodge?

ANSWER.—It is competent for the officer lawfully entitled to preside, whether Master or Warden, to call to the chair any P.M., and such P.M. may then preside and confer degrees. The presence and consent of the one lawfully entitled to preside, being sufficient to establish its legality and regularity, it therefore follows that the one who is in the chair of the Lodge, and has the gavel, has both the station

and the emblem of authority of the Master, to order any officer or member to do regular work, precisely as the Master could do, and no more. The Master however, can resume the chair when he pleases.

Also the following to a question submitted by the W.M. of Mount Lebanon Lodge:

2. Should the Secretary of a Lodge show by his minutes, calling off and on, and for what purpose?

ANS.—The Secretary should record accurately the proceedings of the Lodge, and show by his minutes calling off and on, and the purposes thereof; I also recommended that the minutes of every communication, whether *regular* or *special*, should be read and approved before the Lodge is closed; the minutes of a Lodge having been approved, may not be altered, but a minute may be ordered and made at a subsequent communication, explaining or correcting the errors of record of the previous communication. No Master should entertain a motion disapproving of the minutes, unless an error could be pointed out, and then only to "amend." His duty is clear to rule against all such motions.

The Grand Master says:—I paid a fraternal visit on the 26th Sept. last, to the sister jurisdiction of New Brunswick, and I conveyed to them your fraternal greetings, and was received most cordially by the G.M., M.W. Thomas Walker, Esq., M.D., John V. Ellis, Esq., P.M.W.G.M., Hon. Robert Marshall, Esq., P.M.W.G.M., the G.M. Elect, the Grand Secretary and every member with whom I came in contact. The expression of their good will did me good. I extended to them a cordial invitation to be present with us, at this annual communication, as their presence would assuredly do us all good. At this meeting of the Grand Lodge of N.B. the question of a home for aged and infirm Masons, their widows and orphans, was brought to the notice of the Grand Lodge by the Grand Master, Dr. Walker, and although no definite plan was before