

Hayward replied, and in doing so, also said that it gave him much pleasure upon this occasion to propose a toast, which he was sure only required to be mentioned to be received with enthusiasm. News had been received in town that day of the distinguished honour of Knighthood having been conferred upon one whom he was sure was respected and esteemed by all present, he alluded to the Hon. H. W. HOYLES, Chief Justice of Newfoundland, a native of the country, and who has adorned the Judicial Bench by his legal acquirements, honesty and impartiality. He was pleased that at Harbour Grace, and at the opening of this Hall, the first public opportunity should offer for proposing this toast, and testifying their appreciation of one so much esteemed. The toast was then drank amidst rounds of applause. After which the supper party retired to enjoy themselves the remainder of the night in the pleasurable occupation of "tripping it on the light fantastic toe," which was kept up with good spirit long after "the wee short hour ayont the twal."

INSTALLATION.

The members of Tasker Lodge No. 454, met according to previous announcement, at the Masonic Hall St. John's, on Wednesday the 17th March, at 10 o'clock, A. M., with the Brethren of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Scotland, Royal Arch Chapter, No. 579, R. E.; St. John's Lodge, No. 579, R. E.; Avalon Lodge, No. 776, R. E.; the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, R. E., the Hon. J. S. CLIFT; the Right Worshipful Master, G. C. RUTHERFORD, Esq., and several members of Lodge Harbour-Grace, No. 476, R. S.; together with a number of transient Brethren,—preparatory to walking in procession to the Free St. Andrew's Church, where an able and most appropriate Sermon was preached by the Rev. Bro. MOSES HARVEY, and a collection made in aid, of the "Tasker Educational Fund." After which the Brethren returned to the Masonic Hall, when the R. W. M., and Officers of Tasker Lodge for the ensuing Masonic year were installed at high noon by the P. Grand Master, R. S. (A. MACKAY, Esq.) and are as follows:—

Bros. Alexander Smith, R. W. M.; John McL. Muir, W. S. W.; W. H. Warren, W. J. W.; Rev. Moses Harvey, *Chaplain*; Bros. W. D. Morrison, *Treasurer*; Thomas Wright, *Secretary*; John Carnell, S. D.; Edward Rothwell, J. D.; John Huges, Robt. Templeton, *Stewards*; John Spry, I. G., William Smith, *Tyler*.

NOVA SCOTIA.

ROYAL ARCH MASONRY.

On Monday, 29th March, the new "The Hiram" Chapter, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of Canada, was opened, consecrated, and the officers duly installed, according to ancient custom.

The ceremony took place in the lodge-room belonging to Queen's Lodge, No. 10, R. N. S., Sherbrooke; but the Chapter will be removed to Goldenville as soon as the new Masonic Temple at the latter place shall have been completed, and it is now in full progress.

The officers are: E. Comp. Joseph Conway Brown, Z., (member, also, of the Hiram Chapter in Hamilton); E. Comp. John MacNab (P. S. W. of Queen's Lodge, Sherbrooke), H.; and E. Comp. Stephen Goodall, J.

The installation of the new officers was performed

by E. Comp. C. J. Macdonald, P. Z. St. Andrew's Chapter, Halifax, and Grand Sec. Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia; E. Comp. Taylor, P. Z. same Chapter, and E. Comp. Verge, P. Z. Truro Chapter.

The Convocation was also attended by several members of the various Halifax Chapters, who, with true masonic spirit, travelled the "rough roads" from New Glasgow to Sherbrooke in order to be present.

This Chapter is the first one formed in Nova Scotia under the authority of the Grand Chapter of Canada. We wish "The Hiram" a happy and prosperous career.

BE CAUTIOUS.—"Let us remember that at the present time our every word and act are closely scrutinized by most active, vigilant, and earnest enemies of Masonry, anxious for even a straw on which to base their wicked, slanderous persecutions. Our best defence and protection against their attacks is to purify our Order by purging our Lodges of the unworthy, and carefully guarding the outer door, so that none but those whose daily lives are a guaranty of honor and uprightness can gain admission. The *motives* of each applicant should be closely scrutinized, and his character and standing carefully investigated. It is not enough that no one knows any evil of him. He should possess positive and affirmative qualities of goodness and influence, such as tend to raise him in the scale of life. The external qualifications of 'worldly wealth or honor' should never be considered for a moment when the internal qualifications of mind and heart, of truth, honesty, and uprightness before God and man are wanting."
G. M. of Iowa.

At Rest.

DIED.—On Thursday, the 11th March, W. Bro. Solomon Stogdill, at the advanced age of eighty-nine years, at the residence of his son-in-law, Mr. W. H. Agnew, Lloydtown. His remains were interred in the Wesleyan burying ground, with masonic honors. Deceased was, at the time of his death, a member of Union Lodge, No. 118, in which he held the rank of P. M., and was also one of the oldest Masons in Canada, having been initiated in the United States in 1817. Up to within a few weeks of his death, W. Bro. Stogdill was an active and zealous member of the Craft; and used frequently to relate with great satisfaction his early masonic experience in Canada, when Lodges were few and widely separated, and the brethren of the "mystic tie" had seldom the privilege of meeting together for their peculiar labor or social intercourse. Notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather on Sunday last, and the almost impassable state of the roads, a large number of brethren, hailing from the various Lodges, took part in the funeral ceremony. His remains were borne to their last resting place by six brethren of the same rank in the Craft as the deceased held.

DIED.—At Grimsby, on the 17th ult., R. W. Bro. Dr. Fitch, P. D. D. G. M., aged 52 years.

Bro. Fitch was a member of Union Lodge No. 7; and we are requested to publish the following resolution, passed at a meeting of the Lodge, held after the interment with Masonic honours, of our R. W. Brother:—

"Resolved,—That it is with feelings of the deepest regret we have to record the death of our late Right Worshipful Brother Dr. Wm. Fitch, who, for eleven years was an active and zealous member of this Lodge and of the Craft in general, and we consider in losing him this Lodge has lost one of its brightest ornaments, as Grand Lodge having seen fit through his worthiness to confer on him the honour of District Deputy Grand Master, thus conferring it on this Lodge, and we hereby express our deep fraternal sympathy with his bereaved widow and family on this their deep affliction."

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