

GRAND LODGE OF QUEBEC.

"This body was in annual session at Montreal, on January 25th ult., there being present a large gathering including representative men from all parts of the Province. Bro. J. F. Walker, the retiring Grand Master, presided and gave an address of much interest. He referred to the difficulty with the Grand Lodge of England, presenting a copy of the reply, an indignant refusal, sent by Grand Secretary Clerke of England to the Grand Master of Louisiana who had offered to mediate between the two parties. Grand Master Walker said, "The Grand Lodge of Quebec would justly expose itself to the scorn and contempt of Masons throughout the world if it weakened, now that the Grand Lodge of England refuses to accept mediation or anything short of absolute unconditional surrender on our part." The following officers were elected: G. M., H. L. Robinson; D. G. M., Dickson Anderson; G. S. W., H. Lebonvau; G. J. W., Chas. Knowles; G. Treas., I. H. Stearns; G. Sec., J. H. Isaacson. These, with the District Deputy Grand Masters appointed, were duly installed by Past Grand Master John H. Graham. The proceedings, aside from the discussion had on action taken on the difficulty with the Grand Lodge of England, were of a routine character. The motion to suspend the edict of non-Masonic intercourse which has now been in force for more than two years was defeated, although there was a strong minority feeling in favor of restoring free and fraternal Masonic intercourse between brethren allegiant to the Grand Lodge of Quebec and those thus bound to the Grand Lodge of England.—*Freemasons' Repository*.

PENNSYLVANIA and a few other Grand Lodges do not use the title M. W. but employ R. W. instead.

MASONIC "AT HOME"

The social gatherings held by the Lodge of Antiquity, A. F. & A. M., No. 1, Q. R., Montreal, formerly Lodge of Social and Military Virtues, No. 227, Grand Lodge of Ireland, are always most enjoyable affairs, and the "at home" held in the Queen's hall assembly rooms on the evening of March 16th was not only no exception to the general rule, but both in the arrangements and in the manner in which they were carried out the lodge eclipsed itself; in fact, the affair was a brilliant success. There were fully eighty couples present including M. W. Bro. J. Fred. Walker, R. W. Bro. Jas. Fyfe, D. D. G. M., R. W. Bro. H. Danne, G. R., I. H. Stearns, Grand Treasurer; a few masters and several members of local corps in uniform which, with the civilians adorned with jewels, sashes and aprons and the tasteful dresses of the ladies combined, gave the ball room a bright and animated appearance. There was, in the way of decorations, templar banners suspended from the gasaliers. Shortly after 9 o'clock the hall was opened with a grand march, and dancing was kept up unceasingly until midnight, excellent and choice music being furnished by H. Patton's orchestra. An adjournment was made to the supper room. The caterer, Mr. Dixon, did his part to the satisfaction of all. After supper, dancing was resumed and kept up to the early hours of the morning. The gentlemen who composed the various committees deserve credit for the excellent and satisfactory manner in which they carried out the admirable arrangements. A special word of praise is due to Mr. A. F. LeMessurier, the secretary, for his untiring efforts to make everyone feel at home.—*Montreal Gazette*.

The formation of a Grand Lodge for South Africa is being considered.