

our position as a Sovereign Grand Lodge. We can rest assured that in the end, right must prevail. Reference was also made to the steps which had been taken to establish a Masonic Home.

The Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer and the several D. D. G. Masters, all presented their reports, which were of a satisfactory character.

The afternoon was occupied with receiving and discussing the reports of the various Standing Committees.

The election of officers was proceeded with in the evening, with the following result:—

Grand Master—M. W. Bro. J. F. Walker (re-elected.)

Deputy Grand Master—R. W. Bro. H. L. Robinson, of Waterloo.

Grand Senior Warden—R. W. Bro. H. Griffith, of Quebec.

Grand Junior Warden—R. W. Bro. S. Whitman, of Frelighsburg.

D. D. G. M. for Quebec and Three Rivers District—R. W. Bro. L. H. Farmer.

D. D. G. M. for Montreal District—R. W. Bro. Dickson Anderson (re-elected.)

D. D. G. M. for St. Francis District—R. W. Bro. John L. Wilford, of Cookshire.

D. D. G. M. for Bedford District—R. W. Bro. M. Stone, of Stanbridge.

D. D. G. M. for Brome and Shefford District—R. W. Bro. A. W. Pettes.

D. D. G. M. for Ottawa District—R. W. Bro. J. H. Shaw, of Shawville (re-elected.)

Grand Chaplains—R. W. Bro. Rev. Dr. Smyth, of Montreal, and Rev. J. B. Muir, of Huntingdon.

Grand Treasurer—R. W. Bro. I. H. Stearns (re-elected.)

Grand Secretary—R. W. Bro. J. H. Isaacson (re-elected.)

Grand Registrar—R. W. Bro. S. Lebourveau, of Sherbrooke.

Grand Tyler—R. W. Bro. I. A. Richardson (re-elected.)

These officers were afterwards installed, and the Grand Lodge adjourned.

Among the visitors in attendance were:—R. W. Bro. Alfred Hall, D. G. M. of Vermont; R. W. Bro. R. Bugland, Representative Grand Lodge of Indiana; Bros. D. S. Danforth, St. Albans; John Lawrence, William Patrick, H. S. Stafford, Thomas G. Burns, Alex. Ames, John Cherny, H. R. Lusk, Lockport, N. Y.; Rev. R. Friedlander, P. G. Chaplain, East Jamaica.

THE MASONIC RELIGION OF LOVE.

Religion and its relation to the Masonic brotherhood is a subject of more than ordinary interest to the writer, and will, we doubt not, find a ready response in every brother's heart. As a Mason, we have always admired the foundation on which the superstructure of Freemasonry has been erected, and the splendid success of the builders. In this paper we shall endeavor to unfold the secret of their success.

At the outset we must carefully and distinctly keep in mind the fact that Freemasonry is of two kinds, namely, Operative and Speculative. Operative Masonry is what its name implies—an operative art—and relates to the Masonic guilds, or corporations, of Stone-Masons of Germany, the travelling Freemasons of the middle ages, and the Colleges of Architects of Rome. Whatever of speculative science there was in it, related mainly to the perfection of art.

Speculative Masonry is a system of ethics, or rules of duty, drawn from the word of God and illustrated by symbols; hence the name, Symbolic Masonry. In other words, as Macay has beautifully defined it, "Speculative Masonry, or Freemasonry, is thus a system of ethics, and must, therefore, like all other ethical systems, have its distinctive doctrines. These may be divided into three classes, viz., the Moral, the Religious, and the Philosophical." The distinction is marked; and Freemasonry, is