

Lodge was to have been elected on July 16th, and it was conceded that that honor would be conferred upon Lord Carrington, Governor of the colony. Bro. Lord Carrington is a Past Grand Senior Warden of the Grand Lodge of England. We congratulate the brethren of New South Wales upon this act of solidification, as it cannot but tend to the promotion and welfare of the Craft.

The *Canadian Craftsman*, with its July number, passes into the hands of the Craftsman Publishing Co., of Toronto. Past Grand Master J. K. Kerr is president of the Company. Daniel Rose will be manager and W. J. Hambly, editor. The price will probably be reduced to \$1. Bro. J. B. Traves has published it at Port Hope eleven years and has done excellent masonic service. As masonic publishing does not pay he has found it necessary to ask some one else to take the burden, as Bro. Mason did eleven years ago. We hope the new publisher will do as well and hold on as long.—*Masonic Token*.

Very encouraging.

The Grand Lodge of New Jersey is strict regarding the physical qualifications of applicants for membership. Among its laws bearing on this subject are the following :—

Before proceeding with an initiation the worshipful master, or in his absence the acting master, should have accurate knowledge of the candidate's physical competency to literally conform to all the requirements of Ancient Craft Masonry.

If a candidate for the degrees of Masonry has any visible defect, the worshipful master must suspend all proceedings and at once report the case to the Grand Master, who, in person or by deputy, shall, after personal examination, decide as to the physical competency of the candidate to conform literally to all the requirements of the several symbolic degrees.

It is fair to assume where sound-

ness of wind and limb is so closely watched the moral qualifications of candidates are keenly inquired into. If so, New Jersey will have as good a reputation for producing true and worthy Masons as it has for harboring myraids of majestic mosquitoes.

THE BATTLE OF THE RITES.

We have received from Bro. Gourgass "Manifesto No. 3," touching the dispute between the adherents of the Cerneau Rite of Scottish Masonry, and Bro. Albert Pike's rite, otherwise known as the "Southern Jurisdiction of the U. S., A. A. S. R." Bro. Gourgass commences his manifesto by referring to his recent visit to Europe, where he established fraternal relations between various Grand Orients and the Cerneau Rite, as represented by him. He visited Belgium, Germany, Austria, Hungary, Italy, Switzerland, France, Great Britain and Ireland, and was warmly welcomed. The following are Bro. Gourgass' references to his visit to France :—

"One of the most satisfactory results of this mission is the cordial reception extended to your Sovereign Grand Commander by 'The Grand College of Rites in France,' the 'Mother of Scottish Rite Masonry throughout the world,' as we were not only most cordially and fraternally welcomed, but were received at a meeting of the Council of Administration of that august body, which is composed of some of the most prominent citizens of the French Republic, to whom we are also indebted for many personal courtesies. This, we were assured by others, is the first time Masonic visitors have ever been admitted to a meeting of the Council of Administration of 'The Grand College of Rites in France,' an honor which is highly appreciated by your Sovereign Grand Commander on behalf of the body of the Rite he represents."

Accompanying the manifesto is a sheet containing several *fac similes* of documents referred to, which certainly prove all statements made concerning them. As we have no par-