

SANCTION.

AT a Grand Lodge, assembled on the 27th day of December, 1813, it was resolved, "That the Laws and Regulations which existed in the two societies previous to the re-union should be referred to the Board of General Purpose, with directions for them to form one system for the future government of the united craft;" and the board having attentively considered all the laws then existing, as well as those of most of the other grand lodges in Europe, prepared a Code of Laws, which was submitted to the consideration of a Special Grand Lodge, on the 1st day of February last; whereupon it was ordered, that copies should be made and left, at two convenient places, for the perusal of all the members of the Grand Lodge, for one month. During this month, the Board of General Purposes met weekly, to receive and discuss any alterations or amendments which might be suggested.—The laws thus improved were again read and discussed, at a Special Grand Lodge, on the 31st of May, and were then ordered to lie open for another month, for the perusal of the brethren. At a Special Grand Lodge, held on the 23d of August, these Laws were a third time read, discussed, and unanimously approved; and it was resolved that they should be in force for three years, from the 1st of November, 1815, and then be subject to revision.

In order to make these Laws as perfect as possible, and to enable the Grand Lodge to avail itself of the test of experience, it was further resolved, that any brother who can suggest any useful alteration or amendment be requested to transmit his opinion to the Grand Secretaries; and, when the Laws are revised, such suggestions will receive due consideration:

It being essential that these Laws should be printed for the use of the Lodges, and the copy-right preserved, the R. W. Brother William Williams, Provincial Grand Master for the county of Dorset, offered to take upon himself the printing and publishing, and to apply any profit which may accrue to the use of the Grand Lodge, which offer the Grand Lodge gratefully accepted; and thereupon unanimously resolved, that Brother WILLIAM WILLIAMS be authorized to print a new edition of the Book of Constitutions and that the copy-right thereof be vested in him.