

to exercise there the important functions of D. D. G. M., will discharge his duties with ability and zeal.

The fact that no less than four special communications of Grand Lodge for the purpose of laying the foundation stones of buildings quite unconnected with Masonry have been held during the year, is pleasing evidence of the growth of sentiments of respect for our institution among those who have not been admitted to a participation of its privileges.

In the opinion of the Board the thanks of Grand Lodge are due to the M. W. G. M., for the promptitude with which he carried out the resolution of G. L., at its last session by presenting M. W. Bro. Simpson with a testimonial which will be a lasting expression of the esteem and honor in which he is held by this G. L.

The Board notices with pleasure that the M. W. G. M., was pleased to extend to our distinguished and M. W. Bro. the Earl De Grey and Ripon, G. M., of England, an invitation to accept the hospitalities of this G. L., and regrets that the pressing nature of his duties prevented us from enjoying the pleasure of a visit from so eminent and distinguished a Brother.

The Board coincides with the M. W. G. M., in the opinion that much mischief may arise from the practice of permitting brethren to become *ordinary members*, of more than one Lodge, in the same city, or town, and they would recommend G. L., to adopt such a regulation as may put a stop to the practice in future.

The Board agrees with the M. W., the G. M., in regretting that so many subjects exclusively of Masonic interest should be discussed in the columns of the secular press, and earnestly hopes that the good sense of brethren will induce them to discontinue a practice which can accomplish no good, and may have the effect of degrading Masonry in the estimation of the outside world.

The Board while deploring the fact that so many lodges in the Province of Quebec still remain alienated from us and that so many G. Lodges in the United States, have thought it their duty to extend to them their countenance, and support, are, deeply impressed with the desirability of taking some steps in the direction indicated by the M. W. the G. M. for the purpose of solving the difficulty thus presented.

All which is respectfully submitted.

#### SPECIAL REPORT OF BOARD.

R. W. Bro. Seymour, submitted the following special report of the Board of General Purposes upon Bro. J. S. Smith, of Kingston.

The praiseworthy exertions of Bro. J. S. Smith, of Cataraqui Lodge No. 92 Kingston; in the cause of masonic benevolence, having been brought to the notice of your board, it desires to place on the records its warmest commendations of such disinterested and laudable services, which have proved peculiarly valuable in relieving want and distress in various parts of the country and more particularly in the vicinity of Kingston, as has been adduced by various resolutions passed by the Lodges of his own city, and that Grand Secretary be authorized to transmit to Bro. Smith, their expression of the sentiments of this Grand Lodge.

#### RE-PRINTING THE PROCEEDINGS.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. White, seconded by M. W. Bro. Simpson, and

RESOLVED,—That having reference to the resolution passed by Grand Lodge yesterday authorizing the printing of 1000 copies of the proceedings of Grand Lodge since its formation.

BE IT RESOLVED,—That the Grand Secretary be instructed to advertise for tenders for the printing and binding of the said proceedings.

That he also issue a circular to each subordinate Lodge in this jurisdiction, setting forth the resolution of Grand Lodge, and enquiring how many copies the Lodge or the members thereof are disposed to subscribe for, the price being based upon the tenders received.

That the tenders and the returns to the circulars to Lodges be referred to the Board of General Purposes at its next semi-annual meeting and that the question of proceeding at once or reserving the printing of such proceedings be left to their judgments with instructions to report at the next annual communication of this Grand Lodge.

#### VOTES OF THANKS.

Votes of thanks were unanimously passed to the Scrutineers, Brethren