

propensity. I'll ask you one more question. Have you ever read the By-Laws of your Lodge, and the general laws of the Order?

Well, no, I have not; I'd rather read Bulwer than By-Laws, any time.

Well, all I have to say is, the members of your Lodge didn't read you, or the honors would not have been conferred upon you, until you were found qualified.—*Iris.*

THE HEART.

"The wisdom of the Creator," says a distinguished anatomist, "is in nothing seen more gloriously than in the heart." And how well does it perform its office!—An anatomist, who understood its structure, might say, before-hand, that it would play; but, from the complexity of its mechanism, and the delicacy of many of its parts, he must be apprehensive, that it would always be liable to derangement, and that it would soon work itself out. Yet does this wonderful machine go on, night and day, for eighty years together, at the rate of a hundred thousand strokes every twenty-four hours, having, at every stroke, a great resistance to overcome; and it continues this action for this length of time, without disorder, and without weariness. That it should continue this action, for this length of time, without disorder, is wonderful; that it should be capable of continuing it, without weariness, is still more astonishing. Never, for a single moment, night or day, does it intermit its labour, neither through our walking or sleeping hours. On it goes, without intermission, at the rate of a hundred thousand strokes every twenty-four hours; yet it never feels fatigued, it never seems exhausted. Rest would have been incompatible with its functions. While it slept, the whole machinery must have stopped, and the animal inevitably perish. It was necessary that it should be made capable of working for ever, without the cessation of a moment,—without the least degree of weariness.—It is so made; and the power of the Creator, in so constructing it, can, in nothing, be exceeded, but by His wisdom!—*The Doctor.*

PROCEEDINGS OF THE R. W. GRAND LODGE OF CANADA.

Montreal, 6th October, 1845.

THE R. W. Grand Lodge met this Evening at Eight o'clock, pursuant to adjournment.

Present—All the Officers of the R. W. G. Lodge, except the M. W. G. Master and R. W. Grand Chaplain.

R. W. D. G. Master in the Chair, during the temporary absence of the M. W. Grand Master.

Roll called.

Minutes of the Meetings which were held on the 30th ultimo and 1st instant, read.

The W. G. Marshall having been directed to retire and ascertain if Commercial Lodge, No. 5, was ready to have their Officers installed, and having returned and announced that they were ready,

The M. W. G. Master attended with the Officers of this R. W. G. Lodge, and duly installed the Officers elect in their respective Chairs, with the exception of the Treasurer, who was not present for that purpose.

The M. W. G. Master then took the Chair, and having called for the Routine Business in order, and for any new Business, and none being submitted, on motion, this R. W. G. Lodge was adjourned until to-morrow evening, at half-past Seven o'clock.

R. H. HAMILTON, *Grand Secretary.*

Montreal, 7th October, 1845.

The R. W. G. Lodge met pursuant to adjournment.

The M. W. Grand Master, aided by the Officers of this R. W. G. Lodge, having attended and installed the Officers elect of Prince of Wales' Lodge, No. 1, for the present Term, this Grand Lodge assembled and was opened in due form for the despatch of Business.

Present—All the Officers of the R. W. G. Lodge, except the W. G. Marshall and W. G. Guardian.

Roll called.

Minutes of the last Meeting of the 6th instant, read.

The Special Committee appointed to examine the Books, Papers, &c., of the R. W. G. Lodge, reported, that they had found the Minutes taken of the Proceedings of the R. W. G. Lodge, duly entered in the Book kept for that purpose—that the accounts with the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States and the Subordinate Lodges under this Jurisdiction, had been duly entered in the Lodge by Single Entry, and the various item of receipts appeared to have been correctly transcribed into the Cash Book, leaving a balance of £146 16s. 6d., &c.

(Signed)

M. H. SEYMOUR,

R. H. HAMILTON.

Which, on motion of P. G. J. Holland, seconded by P. G. J. Fraser, was accepted, ordered to be entered upon the Proceedings, and then to be placed on file, and the Committee to be discharged.

P. G. W. A. Selden, seconded by P. G. J. Holland, offered the following motion:—

That the following unfinished Business be laid over till next Quarter, and that the Grand Secretary be requested to fill up the blank, by recording all the unfinished Business of the Annual Session.

Which motion, upon a division, was lost.

P. G. Joseph Fraser, seconded by P. G. W. Hilton, then moved, that this Grand Lodge do now adjourn; which was carried, and the Lodge was thereupon closed in a proper form, and was adjourned *sine die*.

R. H. HAMILTON, *Grand Secretary.*

Montreal, 5th November, 1845.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled this Evening at 7½ o'clock, being the day appointed by the Constitution for the holding of one of the Quarterly Meetings.

Prayer by the R. W. Grand Chaplain.

Roll called.

All present except the M. W. G. Master, R. W. G. Warden, and W. G. Conductor.

The R. W. D. G. Master in the Chair, in the absence of the M. W. Grand Master, owing to sickness.

Past Grand M. H. Seymour, seconded by P. G. D. Milligan, moved,

That this R. W. G. Lodge do now adjourn, until Wednesday, the 19th instant, at 7½ o'clock, and then to meet for the despatch of Business; which motion was carried, and this R. W. Grand Lodge was adjourned accordingly in due form.

R. H. HAMILTON, *Grand Secretary.*

Montreal, 19th November, 1845.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled this Evening at 7½ o'clock, pursuant to Adjournment.

Present—All the Officers except the M. W. G. Master, owing to indisposition, R. W. G. Warden, and W. G. Guardian.

Roll called.

R. W. D. Grand Master Thomas Hardie, in the Chair.

Prayer by the R. W. Grand Chaplain.

Minutes of the last Meeting of the 5th instant, read.

The Grand Secretary presented the Credentials of the Representatives elect, viz.:—of Past Grands A. McGoun, Prince of Wales' Lodge, No. 1; Wm. Hilton, ditto; G. P. Dickson, Queen's Lodge, No. 2; Job Cushing, Commercial Lodge, No. 5; which were severally referred to the Committee of Elections and Returns.

The Grand Secretary presented several Communications which had been received at his Office during the recess—pending the reading of which—

On motion of P. G. J. M. Gilbert, seconded by P. G. Joseph Fraser, the Order of Business was suspended, that the Chair might name two members upon the Committee of Elections and Returns, to act in the place of the two absent members, to enable that Committee to report forthwith; and the Chair appointed P. G. S. C. Sewell, and P. G. J. Holland, upon the said Committee.

The Committee of Elections and Returns presented the following Report:—

Your Committee to whom was referred the Certificates of P. G.'s A. McGoun, Prince of Wales' Lodge, No. 1;