

proposed, and responded for by Ex-Comp. Woods, who proposed the health of R. Ex-Comp. Hendry, which received all the honors. Ex-Comp. Hendry then proposed the health of Ex-Comp. Wilkinson as one who had always assisted to carry on the work. The toast was received very cordially, after which the "Grand Chapter of Canada," coupled with health of R. Ex-Comp. Creegan, was given and duly honored. "The officers who had this day resigned their Jewels" brought Comp. Bunt to his feet. "The Press" was responded for by Comps. Shannon and Pense. Comp. O'Brien's health was fittingly remembered, and the Junior Warden's toast brought the pleasant meeting to a close at 11 o'clock.

COMPLIMENTARY SUPPER AT PETERBORO'.—Quite an enthusiastic and fraternal gathering took place in the Smith House on Tuesday evening, 8th inst., composed of a number of the intimate Masonic friends of Mr. Samuel Ridpath, late cutter with I. Robinson & Co., who was about leaving for Manitoba, to try his hand in "cutting out" for himself and family in the new far-west country an improved financial position. To give an opportunity to the brethren of the Craft to demonstrate their esteem for one of their number, and to take a farewell parting of him before leaving, an oyster supper had been arranged for the occasion. The brethren to the number of twenty—members of both Peterborough and Corinthian Lodge sat down at the tables about 10 o'clock. The chair was occupied by V. W. Bro. J. R. Ormond, with the guest of the evening on his right, and the vice-chair by Bro. Dr. Boucher. The spread was very well got up by "mine host" Croft, the oysters being unusually large and plump, and the *etceteras* in good taste and abundant supply. The bivalves having been disposed of, the chairman proposed the toast of "The Queen and the Craft," which was followed by "The Prince of Wales, G. M. G. L. of E." by the vice chair. Both of these toasts having been honored in due and ancient form, the chairman proposed the toast of the evening, "Our Guest." He briefly referred to the pleasant Masonic and social acquaintance which he had had with Bro. Ridpath for many years, and experienced a heartfelt regret at parting with him. Bro. Ridpath, he remarked, was the oldest member, and the only charter member of Peterborough Lodge, and he could bear testimony to his untiring zeal in behalf of the interests of his own Lodge and of Masonry generally. He hoped that in his new home he would carve out for himself a more pleasant and happier record than he had quietly and humbly contented himself with here, and wished him God speed on his journey. Bro. Ridpath replied in a very few words. He said:—"When I see such a number of my friends met to-night to wish me every happiness and prosperity, I can only say that it encourages me and makes me feel proud. I thank you sincerely for the kindness you have shown me. I will try and be more useful in my new home, and hope to be somebody of importance before long among the Manitoba people." Bro. Ridpath was heartily cheered on resuming his seat. Other toasts and speeches followed, interspersed with some good songs, which added to the pleasures of the evening. The singing of Bro. McNeil, being rendered in an effective and histrionic manner, was very much appreciated. The J. W.'s toast "Happy to meet, sorry to part, and happy to meet again," was then given by Bro. E. H. D. Hall, after which the company sang "God Save the Queen," followed by "Auld Lang Syne," all uniting hauds in a hearty and fraternal manner.

We have received a copy of the following Circular, which explains itself:—

GRAND LODGE HALL, NEW ORLEANS, May 9th, 1877.

To Whom it may Concern:—It is necessary that the Lodges created within the City of New Orleans, particularly those working in the Spanish language, should be warned against a certain number of individuals composing a self-styled Masonic Lodge, located at Burgundy and Main Streets. In a pretended Dispensation or copy of it, I find the following named as the Officers: Benigno Dominguez, W.M.; Alejandro Dominguez, S.W., and Ricardo Florente, J.W. They represent themselves to be Spaniards or Cubans, and style themselves as a Lodge "Nuevo Mundo, No. 1," under the jurisdiction of the M. W. Grand Lodge of the State of Louisiana. They are spurious and clandestine, without any claim to regularity in their character, and the Craft are hereby specially warned against giving them countenance or recognition, and are earnestly requested to exercise due caution when visitors of Spanish origin or nationality present themselves for admission to Lodges.

By Order: JAMES C. BATCHELOR, M. D., *Grand Secretary*.