

Master of Canada." The following compliment is paid P. G. M. Henry Robertson: "Three new lodges had been warranted during the year, and dispensations for two had been refused. One of these refusals applied to a petition from Barbadoes. We are glad to see that the Grand Master has the statesmanlike moderation to refuse to go out of his proper jurisdiction." The following is the opinion entertained of the Shriners by our South African cotem.: "The Imperial Council of the 'Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine' held its fourteenth annual session in Toronto on the 25th of June. How much Masonry there may be about this Order with the 'high falutin' name, we do not quite know; but we must confess to a great mistrust of these multifarious excrescences which bid fair to so accumulate round transatlantic Masonry as to destroy almost every trace of the Craft, pure and simple."

Those Ottawa brethren who went to Vankleek Hill to secure the Irish warrant of St. John's Lodge, and hand over a new warrant from the Grand Lodge of Canada, may well say, in the words of the prophet Ezekiel, "The waters were to the knees." Vankleek Hill is a thriving little village, but as yet it lacks railway accommodation. To get to it one has to go to Calumet station, on the C.P.R., cross the river to L'Original, and then drive ten miles across country. When the Ottawa brethren got to Calumet they found that, instead of being able to cross the river on good ice, the rains of the preceding two days had covered the surface with water and slush a foot deep. It required lots of courage to

make the half-mile tramp, but it was a question of "now or never," and four of the brethren made the trip, with the thermometer at zero. Had they funk'd, St. John's Lodge, Vankleek Hill, might yet have been No. 159 on the Registry of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, instead of 21a on that of the Grand Registry of Canada. R. W. Bros. Rae and Taylor, Bros. Reynolds and Salmon, here's to you!

Bro. W. J. Hughsan, in the London *Freemason*, offers the following suggestion to the brethren belonging to the three lodges in Quebec which still hold aloof from the Grand Lodge of that province:—"I cannot but feel that it would be more truly Masonic to join the majority for the sake of peace and harmony, than to hold out in isolation and promote discord. I am rejoiced to find that all our English lodges have joined the new Grand Lodge of South Australia, which is so flourishing, and I trust that a similar result has followed the inauguration of the recently formed Grand Lodge of New South Wales. If any object to do so they are strictly within their rights, and will be upheld by us in this country, yet we hope all will fall into line and thus be united as 'the heart of one man.'"

The majority of the trustees of the Toronto Street Masonic Hall, Toronto, favour spending something over a thousand dollars in refurbishing it. Would it not be better, if such a sum of money can be raised, to consider the advisability of purchasing a suitable location for a Masonic Temple? At best the hall is an old barn, and expensive enough, and the expenditure of more money upon it would be a wilful waste.