

MASONRY IN NEW BRUNSWICK.

The Brethren in New Brunswick are discussing the propriety of following the example of their brethren in Nova Scotia, and establishing an independent Grand Lodge for that Province. With the view of promoting this object, some enterprising brethren have established a paper, "The Masonic Mirror," devoted to the advocacy of "the independence movement;" and judging from the first number, it is likely to do good service to that cause. Some of the Lodges too are moving in the matter with great energy. The Leinster Lodge, No. 347, I. R., has adopted a preamble and resolutions, looking to the consolidation of the Masonic Fraternity in British North America. The following circular, embodying the resolutions, has been issued:—

LEINSTER LODGE, No. 347, I. R., }
SAINT JOHN, N. B., AUG. 6, 1866. }

At a regular meeting of Leinster Lodge, held in the Masonic Hall, Ritchie's Building, on the evening of August 6th, the following Preamble and Resolutions received the unanimous assent of the Lodge, and were ordered to be forwarded to the different Lodges in the Province:—

"WHEREAS, There is reason to believe that the consolidation of the Masonic Fraternity in British North America would tend to the promotion of harmony in the Institution, to an increase of its prosperity and usefulness, and to the better and more effectual exercise of those deeds of benevolence and charity in which it is bound to engage; therefore

"RESOLVED, That in the opinion of Leinster Lodge it is desirable to secure the assembling at an early day, in convention, of delegates or representatives of various Lodges in this Province, to deliberate on the subject of Union and the governing machinery which it would necessarily call into being, and to consider whether the approval of the Parent Grand Lodges would not readily be accorded to such movement; and further

"RESOLVED, That a copy of these Resolutions and Preamble be forwarded to every Lodge in the Province; and that the Master of this Lodge be authorized to deliberate with his Wardens and other Brethren, as to the course best to be pursued to secure the assembling of a Convention at an early day."

EDWARD WILLIS, W. Master.

THOMAS C. STOCKTON, Secretary.

The *Masonic Mirror* in alluding to this circular, remarks:—

"One point laid down in these resolutions as worthy the consideration of the Convention, is the matter of approval by the parent Grand Lodges. In embodying this in their resolutions it was not, we presume, the intention of the brother who moved the resolutions, nor of the members who signified their approval of them, to bind the delegates to make no forward step without first obtaining the full and free consent of the parent Grand Lodges. The object, as we understand it, was to induce members of the Fraternity not thoroughly satisfied about the right of Lodges under certain circumstances to organize an independent Grand Lodge, to attend the Convention, with a view to secure a comparison of their views with those of brethren who held that the step was a proper one, to the end that general harmony

of action might be secured. If this view of the matter be the correct one, then has Leinster Lodge acted wisely."

The following are the office bearers of the District Grand Lodge of New Brunswick:

R. T. Clinch (St. John), District Grand Master.
B. Lester Peters (St. John), Deputy G. Master.
James Robertson (St. John), Senior G. Warden.
Geo. H. Russell (Chatham), Junior G. Warden.
Rev. Dr. Donald (St. John), G. Chaplain.
W. H. A. Keans (St. John), G. Treasurer.
Wm. F. Bunting (St. John), G. Secretary.
John Richards (Fredericton), Senior G. Deacon.
Benj. R. Stevenson (St. Andrews), Junior G. Deacon.
Arch'd. Rowan (St. John), G. Dir. of Ceremonies.
John D. Short (St. John), Grand Sword Bearer.
James Mullin (St. John), G. Pursuivant.
John Boyer (St. John), G. Tyler.
Chas. F. Tilley (Carleton), David P. Wetmore (Clifton), Henry Hallet (Hampton), Chas. A. Holstead (Moncton), Chas. Kelsey (Hillsboro'), and O. Flewelling (Salisbury), G. Stewards.

It is complained of in the *Masonic Mirror* of 3rd inst., that the status of the governing masonic body of New Brunswick, has been lowered by the change in its designation on the Registry of England from a Provincial to a District Grand Lodge. Hitherto it has been the practice to transmit the returns through the Provincial Grand Secretary; but this practice is to prevail no longer, as by a circular issued by the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of England, and furnished to different Masters of Lodges, it is required that henceforth the returns be forwarded direct to the Grand Secretary's Office, London. The *Masonic Mirror* remarks:—

"What will be the natural effect of the change? The status of the District Grand Lodge will be lowered, and for all practical purposes it might as well not have an existence at all. Indeed under such a system a District Grand Lodge is anything but a boon. Altogether, the change is, to say the least, vexatious. It places the English Lodges on a much worse footing than those connected with other registries, and it takes from the District Grand Lodges powers which they must exercise if their organization is to be of any advantage at all."

MASONIC INSTALLATION.—On Monday evening the 8th Oct., the following companions were installed Office Bearers of New Brunswick Royal Arch Chapter, No. 301, R. I., for the ensuing year, by Robert Marshall, K. or 1st Principal, assisted by the 1st Principal elect, viz:—

John D. Short, K. or 1st Principal;
D. R. Munro, H. P. or 2nd Principal;
John Mullin, Chief Scribe or 3rd do.;
Revs. Dr. Donald, }
" Geo. J. Caie, } Chaplains;

H. D. McLeod, Registrar;
R. Marshall, P. K., Treasurer;
Thomas H. Keohan, Capt. of the Host;
Jas. McNichol, Jr., Sup't. of the Tabernacle;
David S. Stewart, R. A. Captain;
Dugald Kelly, Captain of the 3rd Vail;
Matthew Henderson, Capt. of the 2nd Vail;
G. H. Whiting, Capt. of the 1st Vail;
Henry Brown, Janitor.

The Installation Meeting was largely attended, and was a very pleasant and fraternal one.—*Globe*.