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### THE RECENT FRENCH DUEL:

Much as the modern French duel is ridiculed by certain smart people, it is in reality one of the most dangerous institutions of our day. Since it is always fought in the open air, and the combatants are nearly sure to catch cold. M. Paul de Cassagnac, the most inveterate of the French duelists, has suffered so often in this way that he is at last a confirmed invalid; and the best physician in Paris has expressed the opinion that if he goes on dueling for fifteen or twenty years more,—unless he forms the habit of fighting in a comfortable room where damps and draughts cannot intrude, he will eventually endanger his life. This ought to moderate the talk of those people who are so stubborn in maintaining that the French duel is the most healthgiving of recreations because of the open-air exercise it affords. And it ought also to moderate that foolish talk about French duelists and socialist-hated monarchs being the only people who are immortal.

But it is time to get at my subject. As soon as I heard of the late fiery outbreak between M. Gambetta and M. Fourton in the French Assembly, I knew that trouble must follow. I knew it, because a long personal friendship with M. Gambetta had revealed to me the desperate and implacable nature of the man. Vast as are his physical proportions, I knew

that the thirst for revenge would penetrate to the remotest frontiers of his person.

I did not wait for him to call on me, but went to him at once. As I expected, I found the brave fellow steeped in a profound French calm. I say French calm, because French calmness and English calmness have points of difference. He was moving swiftly back and forth among the debris of his furniture, now and then staving chance fragments of it across the room with his foot; grinding a constant grist of curses through his set teeth; and halting every little while to deposit another handful of his hair on the pile which he had been building of it on the table.

He threw his arms around my neck, bent me over his stomach to his breast, kissed me on both cheeks, hugged me four or five times, and then placed me in his own arm chair. As soon as I had got well again, we began business at once.

I said I supposed he would wish me to act as his second, and he said, "Of course." I said I must be allowed to act under a French name, so that I might be shielded from obloquy in my country, in case of fatal results. He winced here, probably at the suggestion that dueling was not regarded with respect in America. However, he agreed to my requirement. This accounts for the fact

that in all the newspaper reports M. Gambetta's second was apparently a Frenchman.

First, we drew up my principal's will. I insisted upon this, and stuck to my point. I said I had never heard of a man in his right mind going out to fight a duel without first making his will. He said he had never heard of a man in his right mind doing anything of the kind. When we had finished the will, he wished to proceed to a choice of his "last words." He wanted to know how the following words, as a dying exclamation, struck me:—

"I die for my God, for my country, for freedom of speech, for progress, and the universal brotherhood of man!"

I objected that this would require too lingering a death; it was a good speech for a consumptive, but not suited to the exigencies of the field of honor. We wrangled over a good many ante-mortem outbursts, but I finally got him to cut his obituary down to this, which he copied into his memorandum book, purposing to get it by heart:—

"I DIE THAT FRANCE MAY LIVE."

I said that this remark seemed to lack relevancy, but he said relevancy was a matter of no consequence in last words,—what you wanted was thrill.

The next thing in order was the choice of weapons. My principal said he was not feeling well, and would leave that and the other details of the proposed meeting to me. Therefore I wrote the following note and carried it to M. Fourtou's friend:

SIR: M. Gambetta accepts M. Fourtou's challenge, and authorizes me to propose Plessis-Piquet as the place of meeting; to-morrow morning at day-break as the time; and axes as the weapons. I am, sir, with great respect,

MARK TWAIN.

M. Fourtou's friend read this note, and shuddered. Then he turned to me, and said, with a suggestion of severity in his tone:—

"Have you considered, sir, what would be the inevitable result of such a meeting as this?"

"Well, for instance, what *would* it be?"

"Bloodshed!"

"That's about the size of it," I said. "Now, if it is a fair question, what was your side proposing to shed?"

I had him there. He saw he had made a blunder, so he hastened to explain it away. He said he had spoken jestingly. Then he added that he and his principal would enjoy axes, and indeed preferred them, but such weapons were barred by the French code, and so I must change my proposal.

I walked the floor, turned the thing over in my mind, and finally it occurred to me that Gatling guns at fifteen paces would be a likely way to get a verdict on the field of honor. So I framed this idea into a proposition.

But it was not accepted. The code was in the way again. I proposed rifles; then, double-barreled shot-guns; then, Colt's navy revolvers. These being all rejected, I reflected a while, and sarcastically suggested brick-bats at three-quarters of a mile. I always hate to fool away a humorous thing on a person who has no perception of humor; and it filled me with bitterness when this man went soberly away to submit the last proposition to his principal.

He came back presently, and said his principal was charmed with the idea of brick-bats at three quarters of a mile, but must decline on account of the danger to disinterested parties passing between. Then I said,—

"Well, I am at the end of my string, now. Perhaps *you* would be good enough to suggest a weapon? Perhaps you have even had one in your mind all the time?"

His countenance brightened, and he said with alacrity,—

"Oh, without doubt, monsieur!"

So he fell to hunting in his pockets —pocket after pocket, and he had

plenty of them,—muttering all the while, “Now what could I have done with them?”

At last he was successful. He fished out of his vest pocket a couple of little things which I carried to the light and discovered to be pistols. They were single-barreled and silver-mounted, and very dainty and pretty. I was not able to speak for emotion. I silently hung one of them on my watch-chain, and returned the other. My companion in crime now unrolled a postage-stamp containing several cartridges, and gave me one of them. I asked if he meant to signify by this that our men were to be allowed but one shot apiece. He replied that the French code permitted no more. I then begged him to go on and suggest a distance, for my mind was growing weak and confused under the strain which had been put upon it. He named sixty-five yards. I nearly lost my patience. I said,—

“Sixty-five yards, with these instruments? Pop-guns would be deadlier at fifty. Consider, my friend, you and I are banded together to destroy life, not to make it eternal.”

But with all my persuasions, all my arguments, I was only able to get him to reduce the distance to thirty-five yards; and even this concession he made with reluctance, and said with a sigh:—

“I wash my hands of this slaughter; on your head be it.”

There was nothing for me but to go home to my old lion-heart and tell my humiliating story. When I entered, M. Gambetta was laying his last lock of hair upon the altar. He sprang toward me exclaiming,

“You have made the fatal arrangements,—I see it in your eyes?”

“I have.”

His face paled a trifle, and he leaned upon the table for support. He breathed thick and heavily for a moment or two, so tumultuous were his feelings; then he hoarsely whispered,

“The weapon, the weapon! Quick! what is the weapon?”

“This!” and I displayed that silver-mounted thing. He caught but one glimpse of it, then swooned ponderously to the floor.

When he came to, he said mournfully,

“The unnatural calm to which I have subjected myself has told upon my nerves. But away with weakness! I will confront my fate like a man and a Frenchman.”

He rose to his feet and assumed an attitude which for sublimity has never been approached by man, and has seldom been surpassed by statues. Then he said, in his deep bass tones,

“Behold I am calm, I am ready; reveal to me the distance.”

“Thirty-five yards.”

I could not lift him up, of course; but I rolled him over, and poured water down his back. He presently came to, and said,

“Thirty-five yards,—without a rest? But why ask? Since murder was that man’s intention, why should he palter with small details? But mark you one thing: in my fall the world shall see how the chivalry of France meets death.”

After a long silence he asked,

“Was nothing said about that man’s family standing up with him as an offset to my bulk? But no matter; I would not stoop to make such a suggestion; if he is not noble enough to suggest it himself, he is welcome to this advantage, which no honorable man would take.”

He now sank into a sort of stupor of reflection, which lasted some minutes; after which he broke silence with,

“The hour,—what is the hour fixed for the collision?”

“Dawn, to-morrow.”

He seemed greatly surprised, and immediately said,

“Insanity! I never heard of such a thing. Nobody is abroad at such an hour.”

“That is the reason I named it. Do you mean to say you want an audience?”

"It is no time to bandy words. I am astonished that M. Fourtou should ever have agreed to so strange an innovation. Go at once and require a later hour."

I ran down-stairs, threw open the front door, and almost plunged into the arms of M. Fourtou's second. He said,

"I have the honor to say that my principal strenuously objects to the hour chosen, and begs that you will consent to change it to half-past nine."

"Any courtesy, sir, which it is in our power to extend is at the service of your excellent principal. We agree to the proposed change of time."

"I beg you to accept the thanks of my client." Then he turned to a person behind him, and said, "You hear, M. Noir, the hour is altered to half-past nine." Whereupon M. Noir bowed, expressed his thanks, and went away. My accomplice continued:—

"If agreeable to you, your chief surgeons and ours shall proceed to the field in the same carriage, as is customary."

"It is entirely agreeable to me, and I am obliged to you for mentioning the surgeons, for I am afraid I should not have thought of them. How many shall I want? I suppose two or three will be enough?"

"Two is the customary number for each party. I refer to 'chief' surgeons; but considering the exalted positions occupied by our clients, it will be well and decorous that each of us appoint several consulting surgeons, from among the highest in the profession. These will come in their own private carriages. Have you engaged a hearse?"

"Bless my stupidity, I never thought of it! I will attend to it right away. I must seem very ignorant to you; but you must try to overlook that, because I have never had any experience of such a swell duel as this before. I have had a

good deal to do with duels on the Pacific coast, but I see now they were crude affairs. A hearse,—sho! we used to leave the elected lying around loose, and let anybody cord them up and cart them off that wanted to. Have you anything further to suggest?"

"Nothing, except that the head undertakers shall ride together, as is usual. The subordinates and mutes will go on foot, as is also usual. I will see you at eight o'clock in the morning, and we will then arrange the order of the procession. I have the honor to bid you a good day."

I returned to my client, who said, "Very well; at what hour is the engagement to begin?"

"Half-past nine."

"Very good indeed. Have you sent the facts to the newspapers?"

"Sir! If after our long and intimate friendship you can for a moment deem me capable of so base a treachery"—

"Tut, tut! What words are these, my dear friend? Have I wounded you? Ah, forgive me; I am overloading you with labor. Therefore go on with the other details, and drop this one from your list. The bloody-minded Fourtou will be sure to attend to it. Or I myself—yes, to make certain, I will drop a note to my journalistic friend, M. Noir"—

"Oh come to think, you may save yourself the trouble; that other second has informed M. Noir."

"H'm! I might have known it. It is just like that Fourtou, who always wants to make a display."

At half-past nine in the morning the procession approached the field of Plessis-Piquet in the following order: first came our carriage,—nobody in it but M. Gambetta and myself; then a carriage containing M. Fourtou and his second; then a carriage containing two poet-craftors who did not believe in God, and these had MSS. funeral orations projecting from their breast pockets; then a carriage containing the head surgeons and their

cases of instruments; then eight private-carriages with consulting surgeons; then a hack containing the coroner, then the two hearses; then a carriage containing the head undertakers; then a train of assistants and mutes on foot; and after these came plodding through the fog a long procession of camp followers, police, and citizens generally. It was a noble turn-out, and would have made a fine display if we had had thinner weather.

There was no conversation. I spoke several times to my principal, but I judge he was not aware of it, for he always referred to his note book and muttered absently, "I die that France may live."

Arrived on the field, my fellow-second and I paced off the thirty-five yards, and then drew lots for choice of position. This latter was but an ornamental ceremony, for all choices were alike in such weather. These preliminaries being ended, I went to my principal and asked him if he was ready. He spread himself out to his full width, and said in a stern voice, "Ready! Let the batteries be charged."

The loading was done in the presence of the duly constituted witnesses. We considered it best to perform this delicate service with the assistance of a lantern, on account of the state of the weather. We now placed our men.

At this point the police noticed that the public had massed themselves on the right and left of the field; they therefore begged a delay, while they should put these poor people in a place of safety. The request was granted.

The police having ordered the two multitudes to take positions behind the duelists, we were once more ready. The weather was growing still more opaque, it was agreed between the other second and myself that before giving the fatal signal we should each deliver a loud whoop to enable the combatants to ascertain each other's whereabouts.

I now returned to my principal, and was distressed to observe that he had lost a good deal of his spirit. I tried my best to hearten him. I said, "Indeed, sir, things are not as bad as they seem. Considering the character of the weapons, the limited number of shots allowed, the generous distance the impenetrable solidity of the fog, and the added fact that one of the combatants is one-eyed and the other cross-eyed and near-sighted, it seems to me that this conflict need not necessarily be fatal. There are chances that both of you may survive. Therefore, cheer up; do not be down-hearted."

This speech had so good an effect that my principal immediately stretched forth his hand and said, "I am myself again, give me the weapon."

I laid it, all lonely and forlorn, in the centre of the vast solitude of his palm. He gazed at it and shuddered. And, still mournfully contemplating it, he murmured in a broken voice,

"Alas, it is not death I dread, but mutilation."

I heartened him once more, and with such success that he presently said, "Let the tragedy begin. Stand at my back, do not desert me in this solemn hour, my friend."

I gave him my promise. I now assisted him to point his pistol toward the spot where I judged his adversary to be standing, and cautioned him to further guide himself by my fellow-second's whoop. Then I propped myself against M. Gambetta's back, and raised a rousing "Whoop-ee!" This was answered from out the far distance of the fog, and I immediately shouted,

"One,—two—three—fire!"

Two little sounds like *spit! spit!* broke upon my ear, and in the same instant I was crushed to the earth under a mountain of flesh. Buried as I was, I was still able to catch a faint accent from above, to this effect:

"I die for— for— perdition take it, what is it I die for?—oh, yes,—

FRANCE! I die that France may live!"

The surgeons swarmed around with their probes in their hands, and applied their microscopes to the whole area of M. Gambetta's person, with the happy result of finding nothing in the nature of a wound. Then a scene ensued which was in every way gratifying and inspiring.

The two gladiators fell upon each other's necks, with floods of proud and happy tears; that other second embraced me; the surgeons, the orators, the undertakers, the police, everybody embraced, everybody congratulated, everybody cried, and the whole atmosphere was filled with praise and with joy unspeakable.

It seemed to me then that I would rather be the hero of a French duel than a crowned and sceptred monarch.

When the commotion had somewhat subsided, the body of surgeons held a consultation, and after a good deal of debate decided that with proper care and nursing there was reason to believe that I would survive my injuries. My internal hurts were deemed the most serious, since it was apparent that a broken rib had penetrated my left lung, and that many of my organs had been pressed out so far to one side or the other of where they belonged, that it was doubtful if they would ever learn to perform their functions in such remote and unaccustomed localities. They then set my left leg in two places, pulled my right hip into its socket again, and re-elevated my nose. I was an object of great interest, and even admiration; and many sincere and warm-hearted persons had themselves introduced to me, and said they were proud to know the only man who had been hurt in a French duel for forty years.

I was placed in an ambulance at the very head of the procession; and thus with gratifying  *eclat*  I was marched into Paris, the most conspicuous figure in that great spectacle, and deposited at the hospital.

The Cross of the Legion of Honor has been conferred upon me. However, few escape that distinction.

Such is the true version of the most memorable private conflict of the age. My recovery is still doubtful, but there are hopes. I am able to dictate, but there is no knowing when I shall be able to write.

I have no complaints to make against any one. I acted for myself, and I can stand the consequences. Without boasting I think I may say I am not afraid to stand before a modern French duelist, but I will never consent to stand behind one again.—*Mark Twain in Atlantic Monthly.*

#### Festival of St. John the Evangelist.

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by V W Bro Fisher: I P M, W Bro Waterhouse; W M, W Bro B Pewtress; S W, W D Norris; J W, J E Hopkins; Treasurer, Wm Jackes; Secretary, J Burke; Chaplain, John Davis; Organist, A S Willson; S D, John Cudmore; J D, A Farr; S S, J Leaman; J S, H Cooper; I G, T Humerstone; Tyler, W W Edwards; D of C, T Langrill.

Burlington Lodge, No 165, Burlington, installed by W Bro O T Springer: W M, W Bro O T Springer; S W, Robt Hammond; J W, S M Durkee; Treas, Wm Kearns; Sec, Fred Bray; Chap, H Cameron; S D, Dr Aikman; J D, J J Stone; S S, Josh Kearns; J S, M Smith; I G, Jas Ewing; Tyler, Robt Henderson; D of C, Capt Campbell.

Merritt Lodge, No 168, Welland, installed by W Bro J H Bugar: I P M, W Bro I P Willson; W M, W Bro D D Hooker; S W, R A Campbell; J W, Geo M Robinson; Treasurer, Stewart Lamont; Secretary, E H Bugar; Chaplain, Robt Grant; Organist, T H McComp; S D, S J Sidey; J D, Wm Anderson; S S, Geo Andrews; J S, Gasper Ramy; I G, Wm Page; Tyler, E E Hopkins; D of C, W Bro J W Yocum.

Walsingham Lodge, No 174, Port Rowan: W M, J E Stearns; S W, Edga Smith, re-elected; J W, Charles Walterhouse; Treas, W B Franklin, re-elected; Secretary, Wm Ross, re-elected; Chaplain, Isaac Foster, re-elected; Tyler, William Ellis.

Lancaster Lodge, No 207, Lancaster, installed by R W Bro Forbes, D G M: I P M, R W Bro James Urquhart; W M, R W Bro John Urquhart, P D D G M; S W, Noah Friedman; J W, Edward Robinson; Treasurer, F G Kingsley; Secretary, R McDougall; S D, Wm Dunlop; J D, — Kellert, D of C, M Halliday; Stewards: H D McMillan and John P Snider; I G, — McGregor; Tyler, Geo Statter.

Hawksbury Lodge, No 210, Hawksbury, installed by the I. P. M., W. Bro. J. R.; Leggett: W M, John Rigley; S W, James Dickson; J W, James Ryan; Treasurer; Robert McPhaden; Secretary, Chas Orton; Chaplain, Robert McFarlane; S D, John Little; J D, Thos Little; S S, John Kirby, J S, A E Blagg; I G, Jas Timbers; Tyler, John McLaughlin; D of C, Solomon McMahon.

Zeredetha Lodge, No 220, Uxbridge, installed by the I.P.M., W. Bro. D. M. Card: W M, W Bro A J Schofield; S W, J E Gould; J W, A M Knight; Treasurer, R Phillips, re-elected; Secretary, P McIntyre, re-elected; Chaplain, R Mooney; S D, John Stummerville; J D, M D Crosby; S S, D Campbell; J S, Wm McFadden; I G, W H Vyvyan; Tyler, J A Plank, re-elected; D of C, J E Walks.

Prince Arthur Lodge, No 228, Odessa, installed by W Bro Dr Ross, P M: W M, A B Booth; S W, Geo Smith; J W, Rev F

B Stratton; Chaplain, Rev J Gallagher; Treasurer, J F Aylesworth; Secretary, T K Ross, M D, P M; S D, G A Aylsworth, P M; J D, C W Benjamin; I G, A Stover; D of C, S J Walker; Organist, A Storms; Stewards, B Derbyshire and R Howard; Tyler, J A McKay.

Beaver Lodge, No 231, Clarksburg, installed by W Bro Alex Mitchell, P M: I P M, W Bro R Carroll; W M, W Bro John Hewgill; S W, John H Dickinson; J W, Thos Gibson; Treasurer, James Lewis; Secretary, Saul Robinson; Chaplain, Walter Hunter; Tyler, B G Kelly; S D, Wm Johnston; J D, Chas Pye; Stewards, G C McKenzie and Edward Bark; D of C, C W Hartman; I G, John Veitch.

Oak Branch Lodge, No 261, Innerkip: W M, R R Thomson; S W, J Beattie; J W, A Sims; Secretary, Thos Welch; S D, Geo Teetzel; J D, A Smith; Tyler, John Hishop. The members retiring from business proceeded to Trachsel's Hotel, where a loaded table awaited them, to which they did ample justice, after which singing and speech-making was kept up until a late hour.

Doric Lodge, No 289, Lobo, installed by W Bro T H Tracy, G J W, assisted by W Bros A B Greer (St. John, No 20), and A S Murray (St George, No 12), and Bro Greer (St John, No 209): W M, W Bro Luther Stillson; W Bro Alex Gray, P M; S W, A G McArthur; J W, D McMurphy; Treasurer, D Fuller; Secretary, T R Powel; Chaplain, Dr Case; S D, J Mason; J D, A McGugan; Stewards, J Johnson and J Routledge; I G, Wm Whitney; D of C, J McVicar; Tyler, D C McArthur. After the ceremony was concluded, the brethren were entertained at an oyster supper got up in good style by the brethren of Doric Lodge.

Blyth Lodge, No 303, Blyth, installed by W Bro Radcliff: I P M, W Bro Daniel Radcliff; W M, W Bro Daniel Radcliff; S W, Robert Phillips; J W, O Young; Treasurer, Jas Potter; Secretary, Jas A Anderson; Chaplain, Wm Wilson; S D, Wm Cole; J D, Wm Murphy; I G, John Sturdy; Tyler, Angus Campbell; D of C, R J Pollock.

Pnyx Lodge, No 312, Wallaceburg: W Bro Harvey Morris, P M; W Bro James Scott, I P M; W M, W Bro Henry Roebuck; S W, Wm Whitehead; J W, Sidney C Davis; Treasurer, John Fisher; Secretary, Peter Crawford; Chaplain, Charles Fraser; S D, Thomas Craine; J D, Francis W Robinson; I G, Lester Judson; Tyler, David Sutherland; D of C, Harvey Morris.

Corinthian Lodge, No 330, London, installed by W Bro J Cascaden: W M, W Bro James Ardill, re-elected; S W, Burmell Schram; J W, Basil W Hamilton; Treasurer, Samuel Crawford; Secretary, J McNaughton; Chaplain, Geo W Calvert; S D,

H C Simpson; J D, George F Childs; S S, Thos Blackburn; J S, William Baily; I G, Robert Bonney; Tyler, George Minhinick; D of C, John J Porter.

Mercer Lodge, No 347, Fergus: P M, R W Bro Jno Macdonald, D D G M; I P M, V W Bro Chas Young; W M, W Bro Harry Vincent; S W, John Tindale; J W, S J Agnew; Treasurer, John Beatty; Secretary, G A Reid; S D, I G Richardson; J D, John Black; I G, A Groves; Tyler, S E Haight; D of C, T W Thompson.

Elgin Lodge, No 349, St Thomas: W Bro T Midgley, P M; W Bro H G Hunt, P M; W M, W Bro W R Travers; S W, J A Bell; J W, A Ware; Chaplain, J M Green; Treasurer, W C Kennedy; Secretary, W F Ellis; S D, D Stewart; J D, D Gerrard; Stowards, F Hunt and S Dubber; I G, H Hill.

Delaware Valley Lodge, No 358, Delaware, installed by R W Bro J M Banghart, P D D G M, assisted by R W Bro Billington, P D D G M: P M, W Bro A McLaren; W M, W Bro John Fitzallen; S W, A McQueen; J W, M Glass; Chap, C J Anderson; Treas, H Lockwood; Sec, John Bullen; S D, Joha Wright; J D, Wm H Smith; I G, James Fitch; Tyler, G Gould. After the installation ceremony, the R W Bros were entertained to a splendid supper at the Western Hotel, where all enjoyed themselves in a manner suitable to the occasion. We are pleased to learn that Delaware Valley Lodge, which had all its property destroyed by fire early last summer, is now in a flourishing condition again, thanks to the energy and zeal of the officers and members who are most earnest in their efforts for the advancement of the Order.

St George's Lodge, No 367, Toronto, installed by R W Bro F J Menet: W M, V W Bro Jas Watson; S W, J T Jones; J W, J A Wills; Treasurer, Thos Murray; Secretary, J M Wilson; Chaplain, Rev E H Musson; S D, G Plunkett; J D, Geo Downard; I G, R Tinning; Tyler, J B Hall.

#### MANITOBA.

Prince Rupert's No. 1, Winnipeg, installed by W. Bro. H Russell: I. P. M., W. Bro. D. M. Walker; W. M., W. Bro. W. G. Scott; S. W., G. F. Carruthers; J. W., G. D. McVicar; Treasurer, D. H. McMillan; Secretary, James G. Crombie; Chaplain, Rev. J. F. German; Organist, John Villiers; S. D., John McKechnie; J. D., J. A. Rowe; S. S., Wm. Harvey; J. S., L. Steinhoff; I. G., J. B. More; Tyler, D. McArthur; D. of C., George H. Kellond.

Lisgar Lodge, No. 2, installed by W Bro A W Mee, I P M; W M, W Bro Jas Colclough; S W, G S Davison; J W, Wm Taylor; Chaplain, Rev Bro Cochraue; Treas, J G Stewart; Secretary, J Macdougall; S D, James Weidman; J D, R Bullock; I G, Wm Gibbs; Tyler, J Clouston. Bros Bullock

and Weidman were elected members of the Board of General Purposes. After installation, the Lodge adjourned to the lower hall, where an oyster supper had been spread by Bro Wm M Caldwell, of the Merchants' Hotel. Ample justice was done to the bivalves and other delicacies with which the table was loaded. The usual toasts were drank and responded to in a hearty manner, after which the Lodge was closed, the evening having been very pleasantly spent. Lisgar is now on the upward tendency.

#### QUEBEC.

Eddy Lodge, No. 41, Hull, installed by R W Bro S S Cushman, D D G M: W M, R W Bro Geo H Millen, P D D G M; S W, C D Chitty; J W, R C Nesbitt; Chap, R Perkins; Treas, H L Loucks; Sec, Jas Harrison; S D, C H Broadhead; J D, P Gruchy; Stowards, G McDonald and A F Duclos; I G, A Perrotton; Tyler, C St Germain; D of C, Geo Elbourne; Organist, D Casey; I P M, W Bro W Warren; P M, R W Bro S S Cushman, D D G M; P M, R W Bro E B Eddy, P D D G M.

St John's Lodge, No 27, installed by R W Bro B F Lee, W M, W Bro Robert Gardine; S W, Dr E Longley, J W, R F Cowan; Sec, S P Blanchard; Treas, J M Ruiter; Tyler, E D L Turner; S D, John Bisbee; J D, Wm Dustin; Stowards, Geo Longeway and C M Titus.

Royal Canadian Lodge, No 29, Sweetstbur, installed by R W Bro H P Nowell, assisted by W Bros M A Pickle, C H Boright, and G F Shufelt: W M, W Bro John Massie, Jr.; S W, R F Hutchins; J W, F Pickle; Sec, C H Boright; Treasurer, M A Pickle; S D, G T Batchelder; J D, A Brewer; I G, N E Vincent; Tyler, N Vincent; Stowards, VanBuren Pickle and Jonas Rooney; D of C, A S Newell.

Corner Stone Lodge, No 37, Cowansville: W M, W Bro Michal Vail; S W, W Bro M Ruiter; J W, W Bro John Humphrey; Treas, W Bro G W Webb; Sec, W Bro M O Hart; Tyler, W Bro P L Cowan.

St Francis Lodge, No 15, Richmond: W M, W Bro Wm Barnwell; S W, Jas McCornick; J W, Geo Wild; Chaplain, Rev Wm Pyke; Treas, V W Bro Thomas Hart; Sec, W Bro Edwin Cleveland; Tyler, George Hamel.

Ionic Lodge, No 54, Montreal: I P M, W Bro Chas Woodford; W M, W Bro Thomas Brady; P M, V W Bro Joseph Tees; S W, John E Hersey; J W, John Stewart; Treas, John Dyer; Sec, Chas A Humphrey; Chap, V W Bro Rev John Scrimger; S D, Chas J Call; J D, J A Eastcott; I G, James Smith; D of C, James Walker; Stowards, John McDiarmid and John Jones; Organist, E Robinson.

## NEW BRUNSWICK.

Albion Lodge, No 1: I P M, W Bro Thos Walker, M D; W M, W Bro John A Chelsey; S W, B C Barclay Boyd; J W, T A Godsol; Treas, W Bro Geo E Fairweather; P M; Sec, W Bro T Nisbet Robertson, P M; Chap, Rev Richard Mathas; S D, G Ernest Fairweather; J D, Charles Masters; S S, John N Redfern; J S, John A Fish; I G, Gabriel DeVeber; D of C, J Fred Lawton; Tyler, Dingee Scribner.

St John Lodge, No 2, installed by R W Bro W F Bunting, Grand Secretary: I P M, W Bro Geo B Hegan; W M, W Bro Arthur J Trueaman; S W, John McAllister; J W, Wm H B Sadlier; Treas, R W Bro W F Bunting, P M; Sec, W Bro Hiram G Betts; Chap, Rev Geo Armstrong; S D, Rev D Macrea; J D, Arthur Everitt; S S, Arthur W Sharp; J S, Geo H Fulton; Organist, Fred Sandall; D of C, Henry S Brydges; I G, Jos Arrow-smith; Tyler, Dingee Scribner. After closing Lodge the Worshipful Master entertained the officers at a supper, and thus finished a very pleasant evening.

Hibernia Lodge, No. 3: I P M, W Bro Charles J Henderson; W M, W Bro Geo E Perkins; S W, Henry M Hamilton; J W, Robert H Sancton; Treasurer, W Bro Wm J Logan, P M; Secretary, David S Stewart; S D, Peter W Snider; J D, Frank Barnes; S S, Wm Smith; J S, — Blizzard; Organist, Wm W Wallace; D of C, James R Ferguson; I G, George K Cochran; Tyler, Dingee Scribner.

Carleton Union Lodge, No 8: I P M, W Bro James F Ellis; W M, W Bro Wm J Ewing; S W, Isaac O Beattie; J W, Wm D Baskin; Treas. Geo F Harding; Sec, A W Reed; S D, Andrew Davis; J D, Walter J Ellis; S S, Richd H McWilliams; J S, Wm Dunlavy; Organist, Walter H Allan; D of C, Gec P Taylor; I G, Edwin Ham; Tyler, Jas H Eagles.

Union Lodge of Portland, No 10, St John: W M, A McLean; S W, John A Watson; J W, T Kedey; Treasurer, W Bro Henry Duffell, P M; Secretary, John Henderson; S D, W B Wallace; J D, Wm M McLean; S S, H Humphries; D of C, Matthew L McFarland, M D; Organist, George F DeVine; I G, T A Chipman; Tyler, Dingee Scribner.

New Brunswick Lodge, No 22, St John: I P M, W Bro James McNichol, jr; W M, W Bro Robert J Melvin; S W, Robert B Emerson; J W, Wm H Patton; Treasurer, W Bro Wm R Russell; Secretary, Alex Morrison; S D, Alex Campbell; J D, Henry Buchanan; S S, Benjamin D Fleet; J S, Simon A B Nicoud; Organist, W W Wallace; D of C, John Edgecombe; I G, H H Harvey; Tyler, Dingee Scribner.

Leinster Lodge, No 19, St John: W M, W Bro Charles H Masters, S W, George S

Dodge; J W, Chas H Wetmore; Treasurer, W Bro Chas H Johnston, P M; Secretary, W Bro Henry J Thorne, P M; S D, W Watson Allen; J D, J Fowler; S S, Geo T Simonson; J S, John Y McDermott; D of C, John Spence; I G, Wm L Penny; Tyler, Dingee Scribner.

Sussex Lodge, No. 7, St. Stephen: W M, Geo F Pinder; S W, Henry Graham; J W, F I Blair; Chaplain, Rev J Rushton; Treasurer, E G Vroom; Secretary, A D Taylor; S D, J T Whitlock; J D, J C Henry; S S, Wm Murray; J S, Theo Murchie; D of C, M McGowan, P M; I G, J Cox; Tyler, H McKay, P M.

Victoria Lodge, No 26, Milltown: W M, Thos J Robinson; S W, Robert Ray; J W, Samuel Trecartin; Treasurer, Joseph W Whitney; Secretary, Geo F Todd; S D, Jas Piper; J D, John W Wilson; S S, Hezekiah Mitchell; J S, Eustace Church; D of C, John G McGowan; I G, Donald Campbell; Tyler, James Loudon.

St Andrew's Lodge, No 16, Richibucto: W M, Wm McArthur; S W, David Palmer; J W, Jas Murray; Treasurer, James McDougall; Secretary, Thos W Bliss; S D, W A Black; J D, Thos Curran; S S, Thomas McNeil; J S, Wm Scott; I G, Thos Haines; D of C, Jas C Moody, P M; Tyler, John Johnson; Chaplain, Rev Isaac N Parker.

Zion Lodge, No 21, Sussex: I P M, W Bro J Humphrey; W M, W Bro C S Medley; S W, E A Morton; J W, P Grossitt; Treas, H Teaks; Secretary, A E Macleod; S D, J Tirrell; J D, R Russell; S S, J Gannong; J S, A Munro; D of C, W McMillan; I G, W Marshall; Tyler, John Jenner. After the Lodge was closed, says the *Globe*, the members and visitors sat down to a splendid supper at St. Lawrence Hall. The usual loyal and fraternal toasts were drunk and responded to, songs were sung, and a good time generally was enjoyed by the brethren. In the course of the evening a very handsome Past Master's jewel was presented to Past Master Henry A. White, accompanied by an address, as a token of the high regard in which he is held by the members of the Lodge, and as an appreciation of the services rendered by him as Secretary in the past few years.

## Royal Arch Installations.

## QUEBEC.

Montreal Chapter, No 7, installed by R E Comp W M LeMessurier, Gr Supt Montreal District: V E Comp H A Earle, Z; V E Comp A G Adams, H; E Comp Jos Martin, J; Comp John A Mackie, Jr, S E; Comp T Luscombe, S N; Comp C M Putney, Treasurer; Comp John J Reed, P S; Comp J D Bennett, S S; Comp H A Bain, J S; Comp Jos Mitchell, M of V; Comp B

Reed, Organist; Comp J A Richardson, Janitor.

## CANADA.

Mount Moriah Chapter, No 19, St Catharines: Council—E Comp Geo Walker, Z; E Comp John W Coy, H; and E Comp J H Robeson, J. R E Comp John Dale, I P Z; Comp J D Christie, S E; Comp J E Beaton, S N; M E Comp Jas Seymour, Treas; Comp Geo McFarland, P S; Comp Wm M Hendershot, S S; Comp W E Clarke, J S; E Comp L Yale, D of C; Comp W Dougan, Organist; Comps Wm Heney, W J McCartney, and Jas Kinsman, Masters of Vails; Comp H H Collier, S B; Comp A Howell, St B; Comps G Rosli and B Rodgers, Stewards; R E Comp H Carlisle, Trustee; Comps John McDonagh and J Henderson, A M Ex C; R E Comp Robert Struthers, Rep Relief Com; Comp R Ratcliffe, Janitor.

Huron Chapter, No 30, Goderich, installed by R E Comp Isaac F Toms, Grand Supt Huron District, assisted by E Comp D Ferguson: E Comp Joseph Beck, Z; R E Comp I F Toms, P Z; E Comp Frank F Lawrence, H; E Comp Wm Craig, J; Comp Edward Hosker, S E; R Badcliffe, S N; E Hosker, Treas; Henry Cook, P S; Henry Clucas, S S; L Crawford, J S; James Addison, D of C; M Nicholson, M of V; A Kerby, M of V; J A McKay, M of V; H H Smith and G Campaigne, Stewards; Alex Taylor, S B; M McPhail, Janitor.

York Chapter, No 62, Eglinton, installed by R E Comp John Fisher: E Comp Wm Norris, Z; R E Comp Arthur L Wilson, M A, I P Z; E Comp John R Wilson, H; E Comp Wilburn Norris, J; Comp S T Humberstone, S E; Comp John McCarter, S N; Comp J E Hopkins, Treas; Comp Dr J McConnell, P S; Comp Wm Lubbock, S S; Comp David Duncan, J S; Comp John Shepard, M of V; Comp John Burk, S B; Comp J N Garrod, M of C; Comp John Macdonald, S; Charles McMunn, S; Comp W W Edwards, Janitor.

Beaver Chapter, No 74, Strathroy, installed by R E Comp H A Baxter, Gr Supt London District, assisted by E Comps Caw, Chipman, Burns and Tompson, from Minnie Wawa Chapter, Parkhill, and E Comp Hungerford from St George's, London: E Comp J M Banghart, P Z; E Comp J W Watson, Z; Comp John Irwin, H; Comp B Paine, J; Comp Dr Nugent, S E; Comp W J Johnston, S N; Comp W Grant, P S; Comp Beckett, S S; Comp Dr W B Lindsay, J S; Comp W H Armstrong, Treas; Comp W Milner, M of V; Comp H Dell, Tyler. After the installation, the Brethren were entertained at the Queens' Hotel, kept by Comp Woodberry, to an oyster supper. When the first toast was given, "The Queen and the Craft," there was an alarm of fire, and it was discovered that

one of the stores beneath our Lodge room was on fire, which broke up our little party, but I am happy to inform you that the fire was extinguished and our Lodge room sustained no injury.

## Installations in Montreal.

The following is a list of the recent installations in Montreal:—

## ST. JOHN'S LODGE, NO. 56.

I P M, J H Isaacson; W M, A G Isaacson; S W, James Young; J W, B Boas; Treasurer, E Neild; Secretary, J H G Buckley.

## ZETLAND LODGE, NO 13.

I P M, V W Bro J A Mackie, jr; P M, D Ferguson; W M, W Bro Joseph Mitchell; S W, A Munro, M D; J W, L J Mallett.

## LOGE DES COEURS UNIS, NO. 45.

W M; J Rodrigue; S W, N Picard; J W, J Hirtz; Treasurer, T L Delorier; Secretary, A Boisseau; S D, A Delau; J D, A Meunier; M. H. Queenville; I G, E Doyon; Tyler, H Bennallack. After the installations, W Bro Felix, the I P M, was presented with a very handsome jewel by the members of the Lodge, as a mark of esteem for efficient services rendered to the Lodge during his term of office.

## KILWINNING LODGE, NO. 20.

W M, W Bro W R Cuthbert, re-elected; S W, W Bro W Greig; J W, T W Foster; Treasurer, F Morgan; Secretary, W E Cooper; Chaplain, H Vallance.

## MOUNT MORIAH LODGE, NO. 38.

I P M, A G Adams; W M, J Martin, S W, James Snowden; J W, H A Bain; Treasurer, T R McArthur; Secretary, J W Kirk; S D, A Kyle; J D, T S Walker; I G, J J Reed.

## KING SOLOMON LODGE, NO. 622.

I P M, W Ross; W M, W Leslie; S W, W H Short; J W, W Byrd; Treasurer, J Short; Secretary, John F Norris; Chaplain, R Brodie; S D, J A Woodworth; J D, T Isaac, I G, G W Morrison; D of C, A Walker; Tyler, Thomas Ireland.

## ST. PAUL'S LODGE, R. E., NO. 374.

P M, D R McCord; W M, W H Huston; S W, Homer Taylor; J W, F C Henshaw; Treasurer, James Grant; Secretary, J Try-Davies; S D, G G Geddes; J D, Louis Sutherland; I G, D Proudfoot; Tyler, G J W Guy; D of C, Dr Godfrey.

## ANTIQUITY LODGE, NO. 1.

I P M, W Bro C M Putney; W M, W Bro E Powis; S W, A Schmidt; J W, F O Seabold; Treasurer, A Eaves (re-elected); Secretary, J T Wright (re-elected); S D, J Robb; J D, K Mackenzie; D C, J L Jensen; Organist, L E Reipert; Stewards, D N McCoshman and L A Hamilton; Tyler, B. Baker.

## CORINTHIAN LODGE, NO. 62.

W M Bro Henry Dunne; S W, T J How-

ard; J W, Joseph Usherwood; Secretary, Robert Miller; Treasurer, H W Bachlaw; Chaplain, Martin Beck; S D, Robt Blackwood; J D, William Arnott; I G, W Lane; D of C, James Strachan; Organist, George I Richardson; Stewards, William Martin and T W Wilson; Tyler, I A Richardson.

ELGIN LODGE, No. 348, n. s.

W M, H S Couper; D M, W F Salisbury; S M, J Dresser; S W, W J Briggs; J W, W G Dickinson; Treasurer, W S Walker; Secretary, Alex. Moffatt; Chaplain, J H Dixon; S D, S Lane; J D, J P Griffith; Organist, Ed. May; Stewards, J Griffin, J Marshall, J B Williamson; I G, T Ireland, Jr; Tyler, T. Ireland.

ROYAL ALBERT LODGE, No. 25.

I P M, W Bro Thomas Simpson; W M, Rt W Bro Saml Johnston; P M, W Bro Edwd Holton; P M, M W Bro M M Tait; P M, Rt W Bro F Edgar; P M, Rt W Bro H M Alexander; S W, Frank Drummond; J W, A G Fenwick; Treasurer, Geo Hardt; Secretary, G G Robinson; S D, J C Wilson; J D, M Tompkins; D of C, Harry Dulmer; I G, H Becket.

IONIC LODGE, No. 51.

W M, W Bro Thos Brady; P M, W Bro Charles W Woodford; P M, V W Bro Joseph Tees; P M, R W Bro J P Peavy; S W, E Hersey; J W, John Stewart; Treasurer, John Dyer; Chaplain, Rev John Scringler, M A. The Brethren of the Lodge and friends celebrated the anniversary by a dinner and ball at their chambers, Chatham street, in the evening. The dinner was served in Bro Jos Sisson's best style, and everything passed off most satisfactory.

ZETLAND LODGE, No. 12.

W M, W Bro Wm Brewster; S W, P A Crosby; J W, Jno McB. Taylor; Treasurer, Richard Tyler; Secretary, Robert Miller; Chaplain, George Lutz; S D, John Quinn; J D, E G Howell; I G, D J Laurie; Organist, John Seale; D of C, P Griffard; Stewards, Charles Parrish and Jos H Stuart; Tyler, Wm Renshaw; R W Bro J H Isaacson, P M; V W Bros J G T Cleghorn, P M; Wm Johnson, P M; S E Moss, P M; W Bros John Hay, P M; Richard Taylor, P M; Thos Goodwin, P M; Wm Percival, I P M.

ST ANDREW'S LODGE, No. 53.

W M, W Bro J M Glass; I P M, W Bro J W Hannah; W Bro D Newton, P M; V W Bros T Allan, D Rose, A McCallum, Past Masters; S W, W S Evans; J W, G Nelson; Treasurer, D Guthrie; Secretary, C G Glass, Jr; Chaplain, J Anderson; S D, T Beckwith; J D, C Simmons, D of C, R Rankin; Organist, A Milne; Stewards, J Bowles, H J Tanner and A P Blouin; I G, W Ainslie; Tyler, H Benalack. Permanent Committee—Bros J McLeod, A Girard and H Vallance. Representative to Room Com—V W

Bro T Allan. Representative of the Board of Relief—W Bro J W Hannah.

ST LAWRENCE LODGE, No 640.

W M, W Bro Wm Lavers; I P M, W Bro J Dixon; S W, Walter H Laurie; J W, Robert Young; Treasurer, John Allan, Secretary, W Bro J S Moore, P M; S D, Chas McGauran; J D, W Farquharson; Chaplain, J Curtis Clark; D of C, W Bro Wm Johnson, P M; Organist, N P Leach; Stewards, H Willison and Wm Wilson; I G, John B Young; Tyler, J C Strothers. Past Masters: R W Bro Hon W Badgley, Prov & D G M; W Bros Thos Milton, Wm Johnson, F R Clark, J W Hughes, J M H Dixon, John S Moore; James Leslie, Wm Young. Representative to Masonic Board of Relief, Bro Wm Berry, Representative to Room Committee, V W Bro J W Hughes.

ST. GEORGE'S LODGE, No. 440, E. R.

Installed by R W Bro the Hon Justice Wm Badgley, D and P G M: I P M, W Bro R S Thompson; W M, W Bro James McConnell; P M, W Bro C E Torrance; P M, W Bro S J Thompson; S W, T Edward Barr; J W, Robert A Dean; Secretary, Edward G McConnell; Chaplain, John Harold; S D, Charles Martin; J D, Wm Maynard; Stewards, Charles L'Haisier and J M Ward; D of C, A T Ward; I G, George Hawkins; Tyler, I A Richardson; W Bro S J Thompson, W P M, was appointed representative to Room Committee. W Bro R S Thompson, the retiring W M, was presented by the Lodge with a very handsome and valuable jewel.

RICHARD CŒUR DE LION PRECEPTORY.

Presiding Preceptor, E Sir Knight J T McMinn; I P Preceptor, V E Sir Knight I H Stearns; 1st Preceptor, V E Sir Knight Col A A Stevenson; 2nd Preceptor, V E Sir Knight E M Copeland; 4th Preceptor, E Sir Knight Thomas Milton; 5th Preceptor, F Sir Knight William Young; 6th Preceptor, E Sir Knight G W Lovejoy, M D; Constable, Sir Knight John McLean; Marshal, Sir Knight A G Adams; Chaplain, Sir Sir Knight W S Evans; Treasurer, V E Sir Knight I H Stearns; Registrar, Sir Knight J M Glass; Sub-Marshal, Sir Knight C M Putney; Captain of Guards, Sir Knight W M Lemescurier; Director of Ceremonies, Sir Knight John Street; Almoner, Sir Knight W S Wilson; 1st Standard Bearer, Sir Knight A G Isaacson; 2nd Standard Bearer Sir Knight Wm Macaulay; Pursuivant, Sir Knight R Taylor; Guard Fr Geo D Reid.

PRINCE CONSORT LODGE, No. 52.

I P M, W Bro Will H Whyte; W M, W Bro J T Gladstone; P M, V W Bro W D B James, Jr; P M, V W Bro Hugh Brodie; P M, W Bro Chas Boon; P M, V W Bro G F Durey; S W, W Bro Wm Bowden; J W, W Bro Jas Patterson; Chaplain, Rev Jas Wellwood; Treasurer, W Bro Thos Sonne; Secretary,

W Bro J T Wardley; S D, J Hibbins; J D, Ed Morrison; Organist, R L Chase; D of C, F Brain; I G, Jas Morrison; Stewards, W H Riley, H Douglass, J G Wickens; Tyler, John Lawrence; Permanent Committee, V W Bros G F Durey, H Brodie, W D B Janes, Jr. The installation of the officers of this Lodge took place at the regular communication on Tuesday night, the 24th ult., at the British Masonic Chambers, with the above result. Among those present were M W Bro Melbourne, M Tait, G M G L Q; R W Bro J H Isaacson, G S; R W Bro McMinn, D D G M, R W Bro Murray, P D D G M, and a number of P M's and members of different Lodges. During the evening a most handsome Past Master's jewel of exquisite workmanship was presented to W Bro W H Whyte, the retiring W M. It consists of the monogram of the Lodge with the square and compass depending. The letters P. C. are encrusted with pearls, the L. with turquoises and the square and compass with diamonds. W. Bro. Gladstone made the presentation, which he said was but a slight mark of the appreciation in which W Bro Whyte is held by the Lodge. W. Bro. Whyte replied in suitable terms, and an adjournment was then made to the restaurant of Bro. Mount, beneath the chambers, where an excellent repast was served. Toasts and songs followed until the "Wee sma hours," when hands were heartily shaken and the party dispersed.

### The Secrecy of Masonic Charities.

BY BRO. H. W. SCHEIDEMANTLE.

In the March number of 1878, of THE CANADIAN CRAFTSMAN, appears an article captioned "Masonic Reminiscence," by Bro. Cornelius Moore. He relates of a circumstance in which charity was bestowed by a Lodge in Kentucky upon the widow and orphans of a deceased brother Mason; that the widow's pride prevented her from making known her destitution—her endeavors to support herself unavailing—at last taken ill—want came with sickness—the family reduced to the last extremity—and still the Lodge was not informed. It at last came to the knowledge of one of the members—he attended Lodge to make it known to the brethren. The Lodge meeting was interesting, and in the course of lecture given the "Star" was alluded to and variously

explained; the usual question before closing being asked, the brother who had learnt of the widow's condition, appealed to the brethren—their response—the measures adopted for instant relief—the purchase of supplies—the approach to the widow's house—hearing the voice of the aged mother as of supplication—who was devoutly engaged in prayer expressing her entire confidence that the Master of the Universe would heed and answer her requests, and send relief to the destitute family. The committee quietly laying down their loads of provision at the door—making an alarm, and hastily withdrawing to note the result. The aged mother rising from her knees, opening the door to see what could cause the disturbance at such an unseasonable hour, revealing to her the unlooked for and ample supplies of the good things of life, and coming to the conclusion that her prayer had been heard and answered.

Bro. Moore says "for the members of the Lodge, as is wont with the Craft, kept the whole transaction a secret; but those noble-hearted brethren, if any of them survive, will remember the occurrence and know who were the agents of Providence in supplying the sick and destitute widow and the helpless orphans with supplies, when there were none else to help them." Indeed, I know of one, who is still among the living and an active worker among the Craft, and I am rejoiced to know that he assisted in raising me to the sublime degree of a Master Mason. The brother who is an operative as well as a speculative Mason, and was a member of the Lodge at the time, heard the lecture, the appeal of the brother, and the prayer of the aged mother, and who laid his portion of the good things at the door of the widow, was stopping with me for several days in October, 1877. One evening at the supper table we were conversing and soon wandered (as usual with zealous Masons) to Masonry. The

brother related the circumstances as related by Bro. Moore, remarking, "It was my pleasure to tote a fifty pound sack of flour!" My wife and I listened with enrapture and attention, and it gave me great pleasure to know that Masons enjoyed their charitable deeds the more if they are kept secret. "To do good and not tell it;" for when we draw to our vision the ladder which Jacob saw extending from earth to heaven and beheld the word "Charity," we know it extends beyond the grave through the boundless realms of eternity, and we are thankful that we are circumstanced to extend charity to those who need it. If it were permissible to keep a record of all charities extended, and even to those who are not Masons, the same would be voluminous, but therein is the beauty of charity to extend it, the recipient nor the world unaware who was the donor. We are taught while yet in our infancy in Masonry, that to relieve the distressed is a duty incumbent upon all men, but particularly on Masons, who are linked together by an indissoluble chain of sincere affection. He who extends his charities in a secret manner feels within himself a flame arising of intoxicating pleasure, a flame which swells the heart, for through its dictates we have complied, for when the heart is good the mind is also. Charity is not confined alone to giving alms, we can dispense it in various ways, and we should never forget that chief charity, to return good for evil.

It is but a short time ago, that our Grand Lecturer and a Past Master visited me previous to attending Lodge duties. The Past Master related a circumstance of how his life had been saved in war through the instrumentality of Masonry. Our Grand Lecturer soon had our full attention by relating a matter which had occurred in the northern part of Texas.

At the death of Bro. Robins, the widow and four orphans could claim but little, a house, and the few articles of household furniture. Misfortune

followed distress. The widow in the habiliments of mourning, with her four orphans was at the grave of her departed husband, and about to trace her steps to her home, saw in the distance her house in flames,—the home which was to protect her and her poor orphans from the cold of the world,—the home in which so many a happy hour had been spent—where the father of her children had laid his head to die in peace, was being ravished by fiery flames. The heart then must surely sink, the picture was indeed that of despair,—the widow on bent knees casting her face toward heaven engaged in prayer, the orphans clinging to their mother's dress, giving vent to tears. It would have melted the fainted heart, with the cry of mercy! But that mystic chain was soon cast about them, as a proof that they were not alone. Those whom her husband had pleased to call brethren flocked about her, whispered consolation, and a temporary home, and necessaries were provided for them. "Thou shalt open thy hand wide unto thy brothers, to thy poor and to thy needy in thy land."

The Lodge soon thereafter met. The widow's condition was made an object, one brother donating a quantity of lumber, another a quantity of furniture, some money, one several acres of land, and others their good will to assist in building a house for the widow and orphans.

Years thereafter a number of men were conversing in front of a store, their topic being Masonry. A youth nearing the age of manhood, remarked, "I would like to know what good Masonry ever did any one?" A brother Mason standing asked of another, "Is that the widow Robins' boy?" He was answered in the affirmative. "Ah! poor boy, he does not even know that the clothes he has on his body were given by Masonry!" Surely, charity was there secretly given, and how rejoiced they must have felt to know that the widow did not divulge their work. Had the boy

known who were his benefactors, he might have made a trumpet of it, and nothing is more abominable to us than to have our acts paraded before those who are in darkness. "Therefore when thou doest thine aims, do not sound a trumpet before thee." "Take heed that ye do not of your aims before men to be seen of them." Let those who are in darkness seek the light, for the light is the paramount. The unrighteous prefer darkness to light,—the righteous love light, for betwixt the triangular light shines that great light, our Cornerstone; on it we have built our temple on earth, and by following its dictates, with the aid of the plumb, level, square and trowel to spread the cement of Brotherly Love, we hope to enter that spiritual temple not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

#### Palmerston.

BLAIR LODGE, A. F. AND A. M., NO. 314, G. R. C.

At the regular meeting of this Lodge, held on Friday, Dec. 13th, at 4 o'clock p.m., R. W. Bro. McDonald, the D. D. G. M. for the Wellington District, paid his official visit and installed the following officers for the ensuing year:—

I. P. M.—W. Bro. A. B. Munson.  
 W. M.—W. Bro. H. Hyndman.  
 S. W.—Bro. Jno. Grocie.  
 J. W.—Bro. P. Marion.  
 Treas.—W. Bro. A. Stewart, M.D.  
 Secretary—Bro. Chas. Milne.  
 Chaplain—Bro. Rev. D. W. Cameron.  
 Deacons—Bros. D. J. Marion and R. Johnston.  
 Stewards—Bros. J. McHutt and A. Hobson.

I. G.—Bro. Jas. Shea.  
 Tyler—Bro. Jas. Allan.

At half-past 8 o'clock, p.m., the brethren with their ladies, and several visiting brethren residing in Palmerston, who had been invited, in all about 40 couples, assembled in the Town Hall, and partook of an excellent supper, served by Bro. J. Gracie. After the cloth had been removed the chairman, W. Bro. H. Hyndman, gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, which were duly honored and responded to during the evening; several songs were well sung by Bros. Bridgies, Kerr, Shea, Gracie, and W. Bro. Hyndman, and after sound and sentiment were exhausted the J. W. was called on for his toast which was given, "Happy to meet,

sorry to part, and happy to meet again." After the tables had been cleared away, a large number of the brethren availed themselves of the opportunity of tripping it on the light fantastic toe, which was done and kept up till an early hour, when all separated highly pleased with the evening's entertainment, which was one of the finest gatherings of the kind we have ever had the pleasure of witnessing in this section of the country.

The brethren of this Lodge also attended Divine service on Sunday, the 29th, when a very able discourse was delivered by our Worthy Chaplain, Rev. D. W. Cameron, which was listened to with marked attention. A collection was taken up at the close, in aid of the Benevolent fund. The brethren then returned to their Lodge room, when a vote of thanks was tendered to their Worthy Chaplain for his services.

Palmerston, Dec. 30th, 1878.

#### Jurisprudence.

QUERY.—In ascertaining the extent of the jurisdiction of a Lodge, is it proper to measure from the candidate's residence to the room in which the Lodge usually meets or to the limits of the city, town, or village in which the Lodge is held?

ANSWER.—We consider that the limits of the city, town, or village have nothing to do with the question of jurisdiction. The distance should be measured to the Lodge room irrespective of the corporation limits, and Grand Lodge has decided that it must be in a direct or air line.

Q.—Can a charge be preferred against a brother who has been suspended for non-payment of dues, with the object of having him expelled for unwasonic conduct?

A.—Yes. The suspension for non-payment of dues is no bar to the prosecution on a charge of unwasonic conduct. A charge can be preferred and the brother summoned in the usual way. He must be allowed liberty to attend when the evidence is being taken; and he is entitled to enter the Lodge to defend himself at his trial. The other proceedings will be as in ordinary cases.

Q.—At the general election of officers of B—— Lodge, Bro. B. was elected Chaplain, and Bro. C. was elected Secretary. At the installation on the 27th ult., Bro. C. resigned his position as Secretary, after the minutes were confirmed, and the W. M.

directed a ballot for Secretary, which resulted in the election of Bro. B., who was previously elected Chaplain. In your opinion, is this legal? Can Bro. B. under the constitution be elected to two offices? Was not his election confirmed when the minutes were confirmed? If Bro. B. was not legally elected to the office of Secretary, should the next highest candidate be declared elected?

A.—The proper course to be pursued in cases where a brother, having been elected to office, refuses to serve, or declines to be installed, is to order a new election. The W. M. should state the fact, and should order a new election for the vacant office, to be held at the next regular meeting, or at an emergency meeting to be called for that special purpose. He should also direct the Secretary to issue summonses to all the members of the Lodge; and to state in the summonses, that at that meeting (whether regular or emergent) an election would be held to fill the vacancy.

The election of Bro. B. as Secretary, was not legal; not because he had previously been elected Chaplain, but because the new election should not have been held without previous notice to all the members.

No brother can fill two elective offices in the same Lodge at the same time, nor can an officer of a Lodge resign his office. But he does not become an officer until he is installed, as the installation is a necessary part to complete the election. At any time before the installation, Bro. C. could decline to serve as Secretary, and Bro. B. could equally decline to serve as Chaplain. Then, at the new election, held after proper notice to all the members, Bro. B. could be elected Secretary, and Bro. C., or some other brother, could be elected Chaplain, and be installed at the same meeting.

When the minutes were confirmed, the election of officers were confirmed, so far as the Lodge was concerned; that is, that it had been determined by the Lodge that a majority had decided that such candidates should fill certain offices. But that confirma-

tion did not, and could not, bind those elected to serve in those particular offices. No brother can be forced to accept an office against his wish; and any brother, before he is installed, may decline to serve, and may refuse to be installed, and then a new election must be held.

As to the next highest candidate being declared elected, there is no such law known in Masonry. The only course to be pursued is to hold a new election, as stated above.

Q.—At the R. C. for the election of officers, a brother is elected who declines to serve, and at the meeting on 27th Dec., the W. M. announces this fact, and orders the ballot to be passed for the election of another brother to the office of Secretary, no notice to that effect being given in the summons. Was the election in this case legal?

No. When a brother who is elected to office declines to serve a new election can only be held after proper notice to all the members. In case the W. M. becomes aware of the brother's refusal, before the time for issuing the summonses for the installation meeting, he could order the new election to be held at that meeting, by directing the Secretary to give notice to that effect in the summonses. But it would not be proper to hold such election, without such previous notice to all the members.

OUR AGENTS.—The following brethren are agents for the "CANADIAN CRAFTSMAN and Masonic Record." Orders entrusted to them will receive prompt attention:—

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## The Canadian Craftsman.

Port Hope, February 15, 1879.

### A Retrospect.

Too late for insertion in the January number of the CRAFTSMAN, we conceived the idea of taking a review of the past year, and of presenting our readers with a brief *resume* of the principal Masonic events which have happened during that period, not only in Canada, but in other parts of the world. And although the progress of time marks the passage of one month in the new year, we trust that our idea now carried out and put into form will still be acceptable, and that the result of our labors will not be uninteresting to our readers.

And while within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Canada there has been nothing to disturb the peace and harmony which should ever prevail amongst those who are bound together by such strong and close ties, nor has any striking event happened to interrupt our general prosperity, yet it has not been so in other jurisdictions—at home, as well as abroad—and we grieve to think that sentiments have been expressed, and actions have been committed, contrary to the spirit of Masonry, which have led to a breach of the union which has, until recently, been a prominent and distinguishing mark of that Order which is so cosmopolitan in its character. To these events we will refer as we go on our way.

And, naturally, we turn our attention first to Canada, and especially to that part of this fair Dominion which is occupied by the Grand Lodge of Canada. During the past year the roll of the Lodges has not been very materially lengthened. According to the Annual Return, there were in the jurisdiction, on the 24th June, 1877, when the report is made up, 361 Chartered Lodges and four under dispensation;

and on the 24th June, 1878, 369 Chartered Lodges and one under dispensation, being an increase of five Lodges. This is considerably under what it was last year, but we do not think that a multiplication of Lodges is always to be considered a sign of a healthy growth and prosperity. We have now on our roll a number of Lodges which, if we are to judge from the returns, must be dragging out a sickly existence; and although we would favor and encourage the extension of Masonry, with its influence and benefits, to every village and hamlet in the country, yet we doubt the wisdom of granting charters for the formation of new Lodges in sparsely settled localities, and often in places which are not at inconvenient distances from Lodges already in operation. From having one comparatively strong Lodge, we thus have two weak ones; and, in many of them the number of members is barely sufficient to fill the various offices of the Lodge. During the year, there have been, as reported, 1,200 initiations against 1,614 for the previous twelve months. This decrease can easily be accounted for by the prevalence of the "hard times," and is not attributable, we believe, to any loss of popularity for a society which has so much to commend itself to the good and virtuous; and we may be assured that if Masonry should ever fall in the estimation of the wise and good, it will not be because it does not teach its members the highest principles which men can practice—those of love and morality—but because of the unworthiness of those who bear the name and who are false to the standard. During the past year 635 members have withdrawn or resigned, as against 862 in the previous year; while the number of suspensions for non-payment of dues has been 526, or 23 more than last year. The large number of members who are annually suspended for this cause is a question for serious consideration, and should,

we think, receive the attention of Grand Lodge. There is evidently something radically wrong. The cause is not, we believe, straightened circumstances, which render so many brethren unable to meet their annual dues, for no Lodge, we are sure, would suspend a brother because circumstances over which he had no control had made him too poor to pay his dues; but the cause is to be found in the want of honesty and principle on the part of those who have gained admission to our Order. We know a Lodge which had recently to suspend ten of its members for non-payment of dues, the majority of whom were three and four years in arrears, and not one of them but could have paid their dues ten times over without inconvenience, if they had wished to do so. This question is a grave one, and we intend to consider it more fully at some other time. Our losses by death during the past year have been, as reported, 162; and among them we have to record the death of three Past Grand Officers; R. W. Bro. the Rev. James A. Preston, Rector of Cornwall, P. G. C.; R. W. Bro. Thos. M. Anderson, P. D. D. G. M., of the Wellington District, and V. W. Bro. Hugh O'Neill, P. G. Steward. The number of members in good standing was, on the 24th June, 1878, 17,418, being an increase of 198 over the previous twelve months.

The facts above enumerated have been taken from the last Annual Report; but as no less than 72 Lodges had not made their returns for the six months previous to the 24th day of June last (and many of them had not made returns for twelve months, and some even longer), the calculation in the case of those Lodges had to be based on the last returns which were sent by them to the Grand Secretary. The neglect on the part of those Lodges is most reprehensible, and their Masters deserving of censure.

One of these defaulting Lodges, No. 206, has made no returns since June, 1872. Where, we might ask,

is the D. D. G. M. of the District in which this Lodge is situated? and why does he not attend to his duty?

The financial condition of Grand Lodge has been slightly improved, for although the gross receipts for the fiscal year ending 31st December, 1877, were \$16,845, as against \$17,013, yet the assets of Grand Lodge have been increased by \$1,939, there now being to the credit of Grand Lodge (30th June, 1878,) the sum of \$60,094. During the year the sum of \$9,250 was expended in benevolence, including \$1,000 devoted to the sufferers by the St. John fire.

During the past year three Special Communications of Grand Lodge were held; at Norwood on the 17th May, when the corner stone of a Methodist Episcopal Church was laid by R. W. Bro. E. Peplow, D. D. G. M.; at Landsdowne, on the 13th of June, when R. W. Bro. James A. Henderson, D. G. M., officiated at the laying of the corner stone of St. John's Church; and at Blyth on the 24th of June, when R. W. Bro. James H. Benson, D. D. G. M., laid the corner stone of Trinity Church, in that village.

The Twenty-third Annual Communication of Grand Lodge was held in the City of Toronto, on the 11th day of September, and continued its sittings over the two following days. Two hundred and twenty-four Lodges were represented. The M. W. the Grand Master, W. H. Weller, Esq., presided and delivered the usual opening address. Reference was made among other matters, to the Special Communications of Grand Lodge which had been held, the Lodges of Instruction which he had visited, the financial condition of Grand Lodge, the "healing" of certain irregularly made Masons, the appointment of Representatives to and for sister Grand Lodges, the losses by death of Past Grand Officers; the present disagreement between the Grand Lodges of Scotland and Quebec, and the recent action of the Grand

Orient of France. With reference to the former, the Grand Master said, "The Grand Lodge of Scotland and our neighbor, the Grand Lodge of Quebec, are not on friendly terms, owing to questions of jurisdiction that have arisen of some difficulty and importance. I refrain from discussing these questions now, in the hope that the rulers of the Craft in both jurisdictions may speedily find a way of closing the breach that has been made.....I think that in the interests of Masonry, it is not desirable that we should actively interfere in this matter at present, nor, with the information I have yet had, express any opinion upon it." And after referring to the great Landmark of the Fraternity, a belief in God, the Grand Master stated that in consideration of the recent action of the Grand Orient of France, he had "felt it his duty to withdraw the credentials of our Representative near the Grand Orient, as he could not continue to recognize it as Masonic—more he had not done. He preferred that any further condemnation should have all the additional weight which the deliberate action of the Grand Lodge would give to it." The action of the Grand Master in both of these matters was approved by Grand Lodge, and it was further resolved that no intercourse should be held with any Body which did not acknowledge the existence of the Supreme Being—the G. A. O. T. U.—and that we cannot continue to recognize the Grand Orient of France as a Masonic Body; and that Lodges working under this jurisdiction shall henceforth refuse to admit as a Mason any person hailing from the Grand Orient of France, or its Subordinate Lodges, unless his certificate shews that he has been initiated according to ancient rites and ceremonies in a Lodge professing belief in the Great Architect of the Universe, and unless such persons shall acknowledge this belief to be an essential Landmark of our Order.

The other business of importance

transacted at the last Annual Communication was an amendment of the Constitution providing for the meeting of the Board of General Purposes only once in the year instead of twice; and a resolution expressing the desirability of forming a Grand Lodge Library. Resolutions relating to expenses of District Deputy Grand Masters; to change date of meeting of Grand Lodge; and to change Constitution relating to honorary members, were lost. M. W. Bro. Weller was re-elected Grand Master; R. W. Bros. J. A. Henderson, re-elected D. G. M.; B. Saunders, G. S. W.; T. H. Tracy, G. J. W.; Rev. C. W. Paterson, Grand Chaplain; E. Mitchell, (re-elected) Grand Treasurer; J. J. Mason, (re-elected) Grand Secretary.

Let us now briefly turn our attention to Royal Arch Masonry, which, according to the report of the subcommittee on the condition of Capitular Masonry presented at the last Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter, "continues to flourish, and the Chapters and Companions work and live harmoniously together." According to the returns for the year ending 31st January, 1878, there are on the Roll of Grand Chapter, 84 Subordinate Chapters, with a total membership of 3,334. The receipts for the year were \$2,526.70; expenditure, \$1,892.85. The Assets of Grand Chapter now amount to \$6,716.66. The twenty-first Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter was held in the City of Hamilton on the 14th day of August last, when there was a large attendance—sixty-six Chapters being represented. The usual address was delivered by M. E. Comp. F. J. Menet, Grand Z. The following are among the officers elected for the ensuing year: F. J. Menet, re-elected, Grand Z; Daniel Spry, Grand H; Donald Ross, Grand J; David McLellan, Grand Scribe E; W. Forbes, Grand Scribe N; W. Gibson, Grand Prin. Soj.; Edward Mitchell, Grand Treasurer. It was decided that the next Convocation of Grand Chapter be held at Guelph.

We now turn our attention to our neighbor on the East—the Grand Lodge of Quebec—and although the difficulty between that Grand Lodge and the Grand Lodge of Scotland has marred the harmony which should exist between all Grand Masonic Bodies, yet the year just past has brought prosperity to our Sister Grand Lodge. We have already said all that we care to say about the trouble between Scotland and Quebec; we have expressed our opinion that there is wrong on both sides, and we hoped that the good sense, and an exhibition of a true Masonic spirit by both parties to the quarrel, would have brought about a reconciliation before this. But as the *Freemason's Chronicle* remarks, "if Scotland and Quebec prefer having a shindy to living in harmony together, they must e'en do as they list. We shall only add to the embroglio if we say more." The Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Quebec was held in Montreal, on the 25th day of September. The Grand Master, Melbourne M. Tait, Esq., delivered a very able and lengthy address, the principal topic being the difficulty to which we have referred. (The address will be found in the October number of the CANADIAN CRAFTSMAN). M. W. Bro. Tait was re-elected Grand Master, R. W. Bros. C. Judge, D.G.M.; A. F. Simpson, G. S. W., C. M. Church, G. J. W.; Rev. J. Scrimger, G. Chaplain; I. H. Stearns, Grand Treas., and J. H. Isaacson, G. Secretary.

(Conclusion next month.)

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Rites.

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BY R. W. BRO. HENRY ROBERTSON.

A RITE, properly speaking, is a solemn form of religion, a ceremonial observance. It is also applied to some particular part of a religious ceremony. In the original Latin, (*ritus*,) it means a way, fashion or manner of doing some particular act, or a rule of order in the performance of some ceremony.

In Masonry, the word Rite is still in use, in its limited sense, as meaning some part of a ceremony. For instance, in the ceremony of initiation, we speak of the Rite of Circumambulation, that is, the walking in procession around the altar, which always formed a part of the ancient religious ceremonies. There is also the Rite of Discalceation, that is the ceremony of taking off the shoes whenever we are about to approach holy ground. This custom was general among all the nations of antiquity, and it is still kept up by the Eastern races, when entering their sacred Temples.

But a Masonic Rite, as now generally understood, has a more extended signification. In the course of time, it has so far changed its original meaning, or rather enlarged it, that it is now applied to a system of Masonry embracing different degrees, and the method, rules and order to be observed in the government and practice of the different ceremonies and regulations binding on its members.

It is of these different systems of Freemasonry that we are now called on more particularly to speak, and each of these Masonic Rites has its own distinctive appellation.

The most important Masonic Rites at present practiced are as follows; and they are given in the order in which it is believed that they originated:—

1. The York Rite.
2. Rite of Zinendorf.
3. The Swedish Rite.
4. The Eclectic Rite.
5. The French Rite.
6. Fessler's Rite.
7. Rite of the Three Globes.
8. Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite.
9. Rite of Misraim.
10. Rite of Memphis.

Ancient Freemasonry consists of three degrees, and three only; but many other degrees have been devised and manufactured by different individuals from time to time. During

the last century, a great craving for distinction prevailed on the Continent of Europe; and one of the results of this desire was the addition of an infinite number of so-called "high" degrees, to the then existing Masonic system of three degrees. Great ingenuity was exercised in the creation of these degrees, and some were made simply to satisfy the vanity of their authors and make themselves sought after.

Some of these degrees have continued to the present; but the greater number have passed into oblivion. In all the Rites, the three degrees of ancient craft Masonry are acknowledged. They are the foundation of all the Masonic systems. A Master Mason can make himself known the world over; and he can visit what are called the Symbolic Lodges, of any Rite in any country. There is only one Rite which contains the three Craft Degrees, and no more; and this Rite may fairly be considered universal, as all the other Rites contain additions to the pure ancient Freemasonry, and are limited in their extent and operations. This Rite is then entitled to the foremost position among the Masonic systems.

1. THE YORK RITE.—This is the parent of all other rites. It is the oldest, and the only one in which the true system of Symbolic Instruction has been preserved. It is practiced by nine-tenths of all the Lodges in the world. It is the most predominant Rite in England, Scotland, Ireland, Canada, Australia, and all the other British Dominions, and the United States. It is found wherever the English language is spoken; and it is the most simple and also the most philosophical Masonic system in existence.

It takes its name from the city of York, in the north of England, where the first Grand Lodge of which we have any knowledge was held in A.D. 926. The King at that time was Athelstane, grand-son of Alfred the Great. His brother, Prince Edwin,

procured a free charter from the King for the Masons; by which, among other things, they were empowered to hold a yearly General Assembly. Edwin summoned the first Grand Lodge, and a constitution and charges were framed and adopted.

The York Rite contains three degrees, namely, (1) Entered Apprentice; (2) Fellow Craft; and (3) Master Mason. How old these are it is impossible to say; their origin appears to be lost in the mists of antiquity. In their present form, however, they were arranged by the Grand Lodge of England in London, in 1717. At that time, there was another Grand Lodge in England, having its headquarters at York; and called the Grand Lodge of all England. These two Grand Lodges formed a union in 1813, and the act of Union declares that Ancient Craft Masonry consists of three degrees and no more, namely, Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft, and Master Mason, including the Supreme Degree of the Holy Royal Arch. In the United States and Canada, four other degrees now form a part of the York Rite, namely, (4) Mark Master; (5) Past Master; (6) Most Excellent Master; and (7) Royal Arch. In some parts there are also three other degrees worked, namely, (8) Royal Master; (9) Select Master; and (10) Super Excellent Master. This system is not considered finished by some without the addition of the degree of (11) Red Cross (in the United States), called in Canada the Red Cross of Babylon, or Babylonish Pass. None of these degrees, however, except the three first, can be considered as Ancient Freemasonry.

2. RITE OF ZINENDORF.—This Rite is worked by the National Grand Lodge of Germany at Berlin. This Grand Lodge was formed in 1773, and has over eighty subordinate Lodges. The Rite was arranged, or invented, in 1767, by Count Zinendorf, physician to the Emperor Charles VI. He tried to introduce

his system into England, but did not succeed. He died in 1800.

There are seven degrees in this system, namely, (1) Entered Apprentice; (2) Fellow Craft; (3) Master Mason; (4) Scotch Apprentice and Fellow Craft; (5) Scotch Master; (6) Favorite of St. John; and (7) Elected Brother.

3. THE SWEDISH RITE—Sometimes called the System of Swedenborg. This Rite is worked by the Grand Lodge of Sweden, at Stockholm. There are three Provincial Grand Lodges and about 99 subordinate Lodges. Their present system was adopted in 1778, under King Gustavus III., of Sweden. It is due in a measure to Swedenborg, one of the most learned and eminent Masons of his time; and it is strongly marked with his peculiar views and mystical ideas.

This Rite has eight degrees, namely, (1) Apprentice; (2) Craftsman; (3) Master; (4) Apprentice and Fellow of St. Andrew; (5) Master of St. Andrew; (6) Brother Stuart; (7) Favorite Brother of Solomon; and (8) Favorite Brother of St. Andrew.

[CONCLUSION NEXT MONTH.]

### London Masonic Mutual Benefit Association.

The annual meeting of the members of this Association was held in the Masonic Hall London, on the 22nd ult. In the absence of the President, the Vice-President, V. W. Bro. R. Lewis, opened the proceedings. Present Bros. Dr. Harper and R. Waddell, London; W. Dickson and Rev. O. G. Collamore, Goderich; John Welsh, Stratford; B. Bell, St. George; James Campbell, Strathroy; H. A. Baxter, A. G. Smyth, John Burnett, E. Granger, F. J. Hood, London; Jas. Milligan, Fingal; G. Leadley, Newbury; Levi Kisbey, Westminster; H. Beaton, R. F. Dixon, J. Dixon, J. Porter, G. S. Birrell, D. Porteous, London; John Farquhar, Belmont; H. O'Neil, Birr; Thos. Maggs, Chatham; T. M. Nairn, Aylmer, T. C. Welch, T. Brock London; S. Gardner, Norfolk; R. C. Wright, Malahide; H. D. Long, D. C. Hannah, G. Glass, D. McPhail, J. Siddons, P. Phipps and Joseph Johnston, London; Rev. Bro. Calvert, London East, and others.

The Secretary V. W. Bro. H. A. Baxter,

then read the Annual Report, of which the following is a summary:—

To the Members of the London Masonic Mutual Benefit Association:—

In accordance with the provision in the Constitution of the Association, your Directors beg to present their Seventh Annual Report, and they hope it may meet the approval of the members and craft at large.

Your Directors would still urge upon the members the desirability of empowering them to appoint "Special Agents," to keep the claims and benefits of the Association constantly before the Lodges and members of A. F. and A. M. The experiments lately tried warrants the assertion that they would be successful: W. Dro. Begg has introduced the Association in places where it has not been known, viz.: Eastern Townships, Quebec, and Maritime Provinces, and is meeting with good success, having sent 36 applications from the Eastern Townships and Montreal.

The "Reserve Fund" has steadily advanced in the past year, and has been invested to the best advantage, commensurate with security.

We find that as the Association grows older it gains in stability, and derives much of it from the sense of security given it by the "Reserve Fund"—when members find that through its agency the largest amount they can be called on to pay in any one year is 1½ per cent. of the membership, or \$15 for each \$1,000 their heirs would receive, and less if less die. Lodges are being awakened to the desirability of keeping up the standing of their membership, who otherwise would drop out, thereby entailing larger grants than they would under this system; and we predict the time when Lodges will look as closely after their members keeping connected with associations such as this, as they do about their Lodge furniture being insured against loss by fire.

The number of members good as per last return, 1680; number of applications received, 149, of which number 144 were accepted, and 5 rejected; loss by deaths since last report is 20, of which number 5 died in previous year; total dropped out and ruled out during the year, 253; leaving good at date of this report, 1,550, made up at the same ratio as previous years.

As considerable delay arises on the part of some claimants not sending in their proof papers, and perfecting the same to the satisfaction of the Board prior to being placed on the cards for collection. The desirability of such scrutiny (which saved the Association \$1,344) was clearly established in the early part of this year, by the reported death by drowning of No. 555, M. S. Brownell, at Seneca Lake, New York.

After much correspondence, and ably assisted by Bro. Carter, of this Association, Bro. C. C. Clifford, of Rochester, Secretary of the New York Relief Association, W. Bro. Levi M. Gano, of Lodge at Seneca, and W. Bro. C. L. Walker, of Fort Worth, Texas, who had the lost brother found in his jurisdiction. Vienna Lodge, No. 237, have taken the proper steps to have said Bro. M. S. B. expelled.

The averages of work in the different years since the commencement are given in the report.

The annual statement of receipts and expenditures is appended, showing a saving of \$711 in expense account during 1878, as against 1877:—

RECEIPTS.	
To balance on hand at date of last report.....	\$ 4,258 94
To amount received on calls.....	30,104 00
"    "    Applications.....	1,208 00
"    "    Annual Call.....	1,624 00
"    "    Fines and Fees.....	3 00
To interest on Bank deposits for 11 months.....	\$160 73
"    Debentures.....	976 03
"    Stocks.....	200 35
	1,337 62
To amount of calls not written off.....	335 33
	\$38,036 77
DISBURSEMENTS.	
By amount paid claimants on deaths.....	\$27,005 79
Expenses.	
By printing.....	290 85
By postage and telegrams.....	325 51
By postal cards.....	177 00
By stationery.....	76 15
Office Expenses.	
By Secretary's salary.....	500 00
By Assistant Secretary's salary.....	400 00
By fuel, light and incidentals.....	27 50
By commission to local and special agents	448 20
By R. Waddell, rent of office.....	120 00
By Auditors and Scrutineers.....	60 00
By Medical Referee.....	16 00
By Insurance.....	52 00
By shares in Canadian L. S. Stock.....	1,850 00
"    Dominion.....	664 74
"    Debentures of City of London.....	1,535 57
By calls written off and not taken.....	70 00
By amount in Molson's Bank at date.....	4,389 57
	\$38,036 77
ASSETS.	
Reserve Fund in Debentures of the City of London, representing \$15,200, and deposited in Molson's Bank.....	\$14,995 47
Reserve Fund—70 shares of paid up stock in Canadian Loan Society.....	3742 42
Reserve Fund—20 shares of paid up stock in Dominion Loan Society.....	1209 05
Cash in Bank to date.....	4389 57
Office sundries, stationery, bank books, furniture and fixtures post stamps and cards, etc.....	338 25
	\$24674 76
LIABILITIES	
Claims not presented or paid.....	\$ 2480 00
Balance to Reserve Fund.....	22194 79
	\$24674 76

The following is the Medical Referee's report:—

GENTLEMEN:—The following is a tabulated list of the mortality which has taken place in our Association for the past year; being one less than that of last year. Last year a large proportion of the deaths (one fifth) took place from accidents, while this year there has been but one from this cause. During the year I have examined 149 applications, and of these I rejected 5. I also was ordered to investigate and report on one claim under the Disability Clause. The disability was permanent contraction of two fingers on each hand, alleged to have been caused by the combined effects of *coup de soleil* and a spinal injury. On a thorough examination of the case, I recommended a rejection of the claim on the ground that it was caused by rheumatism. I beg to remain, yours respectfully and fraternally, V. A. Brown, M. D. Medical Referee.

Total No. of deaths from constitutional causes, 6; zymotic disease, 0; disease respiratory system, 3; disease circulatory system, 1; disease nervous system, 5; disease digestive system, 3; tumor, 1; accident, 1. Total number of deaths—20

The following statement shows the No. of deaths during each year since formation of Association in 1872 to end of 1878:—1872, 5; 1873, 9; 1874, 16; 1875, 26; 1876, 25; 1877, 21; 1878, 20. Total—122.

The following is the monthly statement of the Monthly death rate for 1878:—January, 0; February, 3; March, 1, April, 0; May, 0; June, 0; July, 3; August, 1; September, 3; October, 1; November, 3; December, 0. Total, 15.

Experience for the year 1878:—Average number of members, 1,603; number of deaths, 20, average age of deceased members, 48½; one died out of every 80; death rate per cent., 1.07 amount paid beneficiaries, \$25,700.

Experience for seven years, or age of Association:—Average number of members 1599; total number of deaths, 122; average number of deaths per year, 17; average age of deceased members 45½.

The three directors who retire this year are Bros. G. S. Birrell, I. Waterman and J. D. Sharman, and are eligible for re-election.

The report was read clause by clause, and after explanation adopted.

The notices of motion, it was found, had not been sent out by the Secretary in time to admit of action being taken upon them, and they were laid on the table until next meeting.

In order to meet such an emergency in future, Mr. Campbell, of Stratford, moved, and Mr. Welch, of Stratford, seconded, that in the event of the Directors not having

a quorum at any of their meetings, the President and Secretary be empowered to issue any and every notice of motion to members within thirty days of the annual meeting, and also that the proxy papers be sent by the Secretary at least one month previous to the meeting. Carried.

Quite a discussion occurred on the sum of \$70, placed in the expenditures by the Secretary to pay off calls not taken up. The Secretary explained that he had been requested to keep certain members in indigent circumstances in good standing, and had paid out of his own pocket the amount named, which he had not received from the members for whom he had done this act of kindness.

Mr. Welch then moved, seconded by Rev. Mr. Collamore, that in future should the Secretary carry over any members on the books of this Association, the sums shall be paid by him and not charged to the Association. Carried.

The election of officers was then proceeded with it being stated that 168 votes were in attendance:—

President—V. W. Bro. R. Lewis.

Vice-President—R. W. Bro. Geo. S. Birrell.

Auditors—V. W. Bro. A. G. Smyth and Bro. John Burnett.

Directors—R. W. Bro. I. Waterman, and Bros. H. D. Long and J. D. Sharman.

Rev. Bro. Collamore moved, seconded by W. Bro. Dr. Harper, that the thanks of this meeting be tendered to R. W. Bro. Rev. G. M. Innes, ex-President, for his services during the past seven years, and also for the deep interest he has at all times, taken in the Association. Carried unanimously.

Rev. Bro. Collamore also moved, seconded by Bro. E. O'Neil, of Birr, that the Vice-President and Directors be tendered the thanks of this meeting for their past services. Carried.

On motion of Rev. Bro. Innes, seconded by W. Bro. G. Glass, it was resolved to furnish special agents with rules and regulations to be observed by them while seeking insurers.

W. Bro. Dawson moved seconded by Rev. Bro. Innes, that the sum of \$200 taken off the Secretary's salary at last meeting be now restored him.

Bros. Welch, Campbell, Nairn, and others objected to this, and after three votes had been taken, the resolution was finally adopted by 15 to 12.

Bro. Welch moved, seconded by Bro. Campbell, that the office of Assistant Secretary be dispensed with. Lost.

Bro. Welch moved, seconded by Bro. Campbell, that the Secretary pay the insurance of \$50 to the Guarantee Company out of his salary. Carried.

Bro. Glass moved, seconded by Bro. Maggs, that the resolution passed at last

meeting, throwing out all proxies not held by members from the districts in which they reside, be rescinded, and that proxy representation be limited to 50 to any one person. Carried, after considerable discussion.

Bro. Birrell gave notice that he would move at next meeting that the limit of the reserve fund be \$50,000; that it be invested; that so soon as that amount is reached the 20 per cent. discount be discontinued, and that the interest accruing from the investment be added as a bonus to the members.

Bro. Collamore gave notice that he would move that so soon as the Reserve Fund reaches \$25,000, the discount be reduced from 20 to 10 per cent.

The meeting then adjourned.

### Amherstburg.

A Special Communication of the Grand Lodge of Canada was held in the Masonic Hall, Amherstburg, on Monday, the 30th Dec., for the purpose of dedicating the new Lodge room of Thistle Lodge, No. 34, G.R. C. The Grand Lodge was opened in form at 2.30 p.m., R. W. Bro. Allworth acting Grand Master; R. W. Bro. T. C. McNabb, D. G. M.; V. W. Bro. Geo. Gott, G. S. Warden; W. Bro. C. W. Thomas, G. J. Warden; Bro. Rev. F. Smith, G. Chaplain; Bro. E. Brown, G. Treasurer; Bro. George Green, G. Secretary; Bro. J. Griffith, G. S. Deacon; Bro. T. J. Harris, G. J. Deacon; Bro. W. J. Malott, G. Supt. of Works; Bro. McFane, G. D. of C.; Bro. Frank Brown, G. Sword Bearer; Bro. Dr. Mack, G. Organist; Bro. R. Sample, G. Pursuivant; Stewards, Bros. R. Elliott, H. Gibb, H. G. Duff, and Geo. Rumble; Bro. Jas. McVittie, Tyler. The hall was then dedicated with the usual ceremonies, and Grand Lodge closed in form at 3.30.

The annual installation of the officers of Thistle Lodge took place in the new Lodge room on the same day at 4 o'clock; p.m. R. W. Bro. Allworth, installing Master, assisted by R. W. Bro. T. C. McNabb, P. D. D. G. M.

In the evening, a Conversazione was held in the hall, which was completely filled, there being over two hundred ladies and gentlemen present. The Chair was occupied by W. Bro. George Middleditch, W. Master of the Lodge, and on the platform were P. D. D. G. M. R. W. Bro. T. C. McNabb, D. D. G. M. Allworth and other brethren. The Chairman opened the proceedings with the following address, which will be found interesting:—

LADIES, GENTLEMEN AND BRETHREN.—This entertainment has been gotten up partly to assist in replenishing our treasury, which has been severely taxed of late in finishing

this flat and the stairway and hall leading thereto, and for re-carpeting, etc., but principally because it is the custom of Masonic Lodges to give an entertainment of some kind on the evening after the installation of officers, which should occur on the day of our patron saint, St. John the Evangelist, the 27th day of December. As our Grand Officers could not be present on that day, they having been previously engaged by Leamington, Kingsville and Windsor Lodges, we concluded to postpone our installation and entertainment till this evening. I conclude by the appearance of this room this evening we have suffered nothing by the delay. This is the 30th anniversary of Thistle Lodge. The first preliminary meeting for the purpose of instituting a Lodge of Masons was held on the 21st of February, 1849, the promoters being J. W. Loughton, James Borrowman, James Gott, John Mentock, W. Griffiths, Richard Atkinson and John W. Campbell. Thistle Lodge, No. 19, Grand Lodge of Upper Canada, was finally formed, and the first officers installed in Christ Church in due and ancient form by R. W. Bro. Cook, D. G. M. of the Grand Lodge of Michigan on the 21st day of August, 1849. Its first meetings were held in the old Masonic Hall. There having been a Lodge in existence some years before, it is said about the year 1800, the minutes and record books are believed to be still in existence. In the latter are the signatures of Gen. Brock and Tecumseh, visiting brethren. The first officers of Thistle Lodge were: W. M., J. B. Loughton; S. W., J. W. Campbell; J. W., James Gott; Secretary, J. B. Boyle; Treasurer, J. Borrowman; Chaplain, Wm. Ritchie; Tyler, Wm. Griffiths; S. D., George Dunan; J. D., John Mentock; I. G., Richard Atkinson. The brethren first initiated into Thistle Lodge were J. McVety, Alex. Jones, M. Maloney, and John G. Colfage, and in the evening of the same day Bros. G. Gott, John MacLeod and John Greenfield were also added to the list of the members. Mr. Greenfield having come away from Bruce Mines, Lake Superior, a distance of 300 miles expressly for the purpose of seeking the benefits of Masonry. After receiving the 1st degree he returned home and after sufficient time had elapsed came again to Amherstburg to receive the Fellow Craft and also the Master Mason degrees. The strength of this veteran Lodge increased rapidly, till at the end of seven months I find no less than 30 members present at a regular meeting. Numerous Lodges throughout Western Canada owe their formation to members and brethren who had been members of Thistle Lodge, and we claim it to be the pioneer Lodge west of London. It has met with varied success up to the present time and like most of the institutions of this ancient burgh has had a rugged road to travel.

We now number 54 members in good standing, the current hard times having thinned our ranks, many worthy brethren having allowed themselves to be suspended for non-payment of dues, I trust only temporarily though. As an out-growth of our Lodge there is now Prince of Wales Chapter of R. A. M., in a fairly prosperous condition. We have resolved to establish in the rooms in the rear public reading room, which we hope will be appreciated and patronized by the community in general and the youth in particular.

The address was followed by a selected programme of music and reading; and also an address by P. D. J. G. M. McNab. After the close of the entertainment a number of the members of the Lodge, with several invited guests sat down to supper, when the usual Masonic and other toasts were given and responded to. After the Junior Warden's toast the party broke up.

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#### Obituary Notices.

On the 2nd January ult., Bro. Thomas H. Close, of Lindsay. The deceased Brother was interred with Masonic honors on the 5th. After the usual Masonic ceremonies at the residence, the funeral proceeded to St. Paul's Church, where service was conducted by Bro. Rev. Dr. Smithett, after which the procession, which was a very large one, reformed and proceeded to Riverside Cemetery. On the conclusion of the Church burial service, the impressive ritual of the Order was performed.

We regret to have to notice the death of R. W. Bro. Col. John Kennedy, a member of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, who died a few days ago at Winnipeg. Our deceased Brother resided in Peterborough for about forty years, where he was much esteemed and respected, and in 1874 went to Manitoba, where he has since resided. It was mainly through the energy and zeal of our R. W. Brother that Verulam Lodge, No. 268, Bobcaygeon, was organised. He was the first Master of that Lodge, and although living in Peterboro', he regularly went to Bobcaygeon every month to attend the meetings of the Lodge; and his courtesy and affability will ever be gratefully remembered by those whom he initiated into the mysteries and privileges of Freemasonry. Since Bro. Kennedy went to Manitoba he has taken an active interest in the Craft, and has been an officer of that Grand Lodge since its establishment. Bro. Kennedy was also a Royal Arch Mason and a Knight Templar. Col. Kennedy was also an active member of the Volunteer force, in which he always took a great interest; and it was to his untiring energy that a battalion was afterwards formed in Peter-

borough. His rank was obtained by merit, for he served faithfully for many years in subordinate ranks until he was finally promoted to a Colonelcy.

We are sure the Craft generally throughout Ontario, but particularly the members resident in Hamilton, will join with us in tendering sympathy to W. Bro. F. Broughton, P. M., General Manager of the Great Western Railway, on the occasion of the death of his youngest son, Master Willie Coates Broughton, a bright, intelligent youth of eleven years, who gave great promise of a brilliant career. Full of life, and hope, and joy, in the midst of his happiest days, he was cut off, after a brief illness, leaving loving friends to mourn his early death. W. Bro. Broughton and his family have the sympathy of all, in their great bereavement.

### Masonic Correspondence.

*We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions of our Correspondents.*

#### Letter from Brother Rob. Morris.

LaGRANGE, Ky., Dec. 9th, 1878.

To the Editor of THE CRAFTSMAN.

MY DEAR BROTHER TRAYES,—I read your magazine every month with increased interest. It is greatly to the credit of Canadian Masons that they have sustained THE CRAFTSMAN to the close of its twelfth year. In your enterprising hand, I hope to see it even to its twenty-fourth.

On page 311, I am attracted by an article under the head of "So-Called Masonic Side Degrees," from the pen of Brother Ramsay. After reading it twice, I am puzzled to see the author's drift. If he means that he has got enough degrees and thinks no one should take more than he has taken, I can understand that. It is the sort of assertion to which I am accustomed. The Master Mason makes it in saying, "I have three degrees; all I want; therefore you want no more!" The Royal Arch Mason applies it to the Council degrees, as I heard in Toronto, in 1872, when good Brother Spry was endeavoring to establish the Cryptic Rite. The Knight Templar applies it to the Scotch Rite degrees. Every Mason (distorting scriptural words) applies it in saying "thus far have I come and no further, and here shall your steps be stayed."

But if Brother Ramsay implies that no one has the right to make new degrees he will fail to establish his position. Every degree we have beyond the third is the personal labor of some one, the Chevalier Ramsey, Preston, Webb, Barker, Pike, et id genus omne. And each degree was taken

out of the category of "side-degrees," and became "regular" only when a sufficient number of Masons took hold of it to give it dignity. What "the great Dickens" said is not to the question. (By the way, who the Dickens was that, anyhow? Charles Dickens, the novelist, was not a Mason, and never alluded to Masonry except in ridicule?)

In England, a few weeks since, I found the most distinguished Masons of London advocating the Order of St. Lawrence. So I petitioned and was made a member. I cannot say that it added much to my stock of Masonic knowledge but it brought me in contact with some as intelligent Masons as I ever saw. I think very little of the capitular degrees, knowing so well their history, but I see Masons of the largest capacity enthusiastic over them, and so I respect the system. As to the *Rite of Memphis*, it makes one smile even to read the title.

I am not recommending the Order of the Palm and Shell to your readers. The choice of degrees is free to all. But I trust I am not weak enough to denounce any system in which Masons find pleasure and improvement, especially one that I have not myself received. For six years I have disseminated the *Palm and Shell* in Europe, Canada, and the United States, and not until some one who has received it passes unfavorable criticisms upon it shall I think myself under any obligations to retrace my steps.

Rob. Morris.

To the Editor of THE CRAFTSMAN.

DEAR SIR AND BRO.,—Having heard that the Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Colon are trying to induce Masonic editors to write in their favor, presenting facts in an altered manner, I beg to submit to your good self the following remarks:—

December 5th, 1859, a Grand Lodge was founded in Santiago de Cuba, under the name of Colon, sovereign and independent. In 1871 said Grand Lodge submitted herself to the authority of a Supreme Council of the Scottish Rite gr. 33<sup>d</sup> that was constituted in the same city. The Supreme Council suppressed the Grand Lodge of Colon, assuming all her powers, and she consented to it, and ordered the Lodges to close in their turn. The Lodges in Havana protested of the fact and tried to revive the dead Grand Lodge with her attributes of independence and sovereignty, but were unable, and not wishing to lie longer under the absolute and tyrannical power of the oligarchy of the Supreme Council, founded, in 1876, Aug. 1st, The Grand Lodge of the Island of Cuba, the territory being unoccupied. Shortly afterwards the oligarchy of Colon Supreme Council wished to revive their Grand Lodge that had been dead for

2 years, but it was yet too late, the territory being now occupied by the Grand Lodge of the Island of Cuba, as far as the Ancient Craft Masonry is concerned. Since then the Grand Lodge of Colon split in two; a number of dissident brethren made a riot and left the Grand Lodge of Santiago de Cuba, and founded on the 3rd June, 1877, in Havana, a new Grand Lodge of Colon, professing to be the real old one, whereas in Santiago de Cuba still exists the other one, founded soon after the Grand Lodge of the Island of Cuba was constituted. The last one, founded in 1877, is the Grand Lodge of Colon that is vainly trying to be recognized by the Sisters in the world, but happily, up to the present all those that have given their attention to the matter had to conclude in favor of the Grand Lodge of the Island of Cuba (already 23 Grand Lodges) and against both Colons.

If you see fit to publish this letter I pray you to do so.

At length the brethren of Colon are getting tired and discouraged of so much contending against us, and finally they seem to be now better inclined to come to the unification to which we have been constantly inviting them, in spite of the haughty intolerance they have always shown. We are now making rapid progress, and wish the same may be the case with Canadian Lodges.

Hoping the above remarks may be of use, and greeting the fraternity of your country, I remain, Dear Sir,

Truly and fraternally,

A. LECERFF,

Grand Lecturer, 33<sup>o</sup>

Havana, Dec. 29, 1879.

### London.

The new Masonic Hall of Corinthian Lodge, No. 330, G. R. C., of London East, was consecrated and dedicated to the sacred purposes for which it has been constructed on the evening of St. John's Day, in the presence of a large number of Brethren from the city and the surrounding district. The Lodge proper is located in the third story of Crawford's new block, corner of Adelaide and Dundas streets. It is 40x42 feet in size, is well furnished and appointed, and, adjoining it are two convenient ante-rooms. The impressive ceremony was conducted by R. W. Bro. John Carscaden, M.D., of Iowa, the Deputy District Grand Master of London District, assisted by several Grand Officers. Shortly after five o'clock, Corinthian Lodge was opened by W. Bro. Ardell in due and ancient form, and, after routine business, the Brethren present received R. W. Bro. Dr. Carscaden, with the customary Grand Honors, and the ceremony of consecration was then proceeded with. The Grand Lodge thus formed by permis-

sion of the M. W. the Grand Master, was officered as follows:—M. W. G. M., Bro. Carscaden; R. W. G. S. W., Bro. I. Waterman; R. W. G. J. W., Bro. T. H. Tracy; R. W. G. D. of C., Bro. H. A. Baxter; R. W. G. Chaplain, Bro. Rev. J. B. Richardson; R. W. G. P., Bro. R. B. Hungerford; Grand Deacons, Bros. H. Dreaney and B. W. Greer; Grand Tyler, Bro. F. J. Hood. After the salutation the Director of Ceremonies formed the Brethren in procession, the members of the Grand Lodge and Past Masters G. Walker, W. Thornton, A. M. Ross, W. Skinner, G. Glass and J. H. Flock occupying positions in the center of the Lodge, having in their charge a small box or chest representing the Ark of the Covenant, which was used as the symbol of the Lodge. The District Deputy Grand Master held the Golden vessel containing the corn, and the G. S. W. and G. J. W. respectively silver vessels containing wine and oil, the three being the Masonic elements of consecration—corn, as symbolical of Health and Plenty; wine of Joy and Gladness; and oil of Comfort and Consolation. The Grand Chaplain, W. Bro. Richardson, then invoked a blessing from the Grand Architect of the Universe, after which the procession moved around the room, the organist, Bro. Halle, leading the Brethren in the following verse of the consecration hymn:—

"Thou! who art God alone!  
Accept before the throne  
Our fervent prayer!  
To fill with light and grace  
This house, Thy dwelling place;  
And bless Thy chosen race.  
O, Lord! draw near."

Following this, the G. M. sprinkled corn on the "Lodge," and said, "In the name of the Great Jehovah, to whom be all honor and glory, I consecrate this Lodge with corn, the emblem of health and plenty, and symbolic of the many gifts and blessings for which we are indebted to the bounty of the G. A. O. T. U." The Brethren then gave the Grand Honors three times, the procession again moved around the altar, and in succession wine and oil were poured upon the "Lodge," and the place consecrated to the honor and glory of the Grand Architect of the Universe. This concluded the ceremony of consecration, after which the Lodge was dedicated to Freemasonry, Virtue and Universal Benevolence. The ceremony of dedication was in many respects very similar to that of consecration. Both were very impressively conducted, and to a large number of the Brethren assembled, who had witnessed them for the first time, they proved both pleasing and instructive. At the termination of these ceremonies, the D. D. G. M. delivered a brief address to the Brethren, in the course of which he congratulated the officers and members of Corinthian Lodge on the occu-

pation of such a commodious and well-appointed Lodge room. To him, the establishment of a Masonic Lodge in any community was a source of great satisfaction, more particularly if it was used for the purpose of extending the principles of the Order, viz., cementing in one common bond of fellowship the Brethren who were permitted to meet within its sacred walls from time to time. He counselled the members to select good material upon which to found a Masonic edifice, to observe the tenets of the Order as handed down to them, and to practice in their walks through life the grand principles of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masonry. The remarks were received with every manifestation of approval.

The ceremony of installing the officers-elect was then conducted by the D.D.G.M., who assumed the seat of honor, the G. S. W. and G. J. W. being accorded the other important chairs in the Lodge. The Worshipful Masters of the different city Lodges having acquiesced in the desire of their London East Brethren, that the officers-elect should be installed at the same time, the ceremony of installation and investiture was more than ordinarily imposing, and was very numerously attended. Amongst the Brethren present, besides those enumerated below, we observed:—P. D. D. G. M., Bro. D. B. Burch, of Lambeth; P. D. D. G. M., Bro. Dr. Sutton, of Lucan; Past Masters H. A. Baxter, A. M. Ross, W. Hawthorn, J. B. Cook, J. B. Richardson and Bros. J. McLeod, Dr. De Lew, P. H. Attwood, D. C. Macdonald, D. Currie, B. W. Greer, S. Crawford, Peter Toll and many others. The following officers-elect were then duly installed and invested (those of St. John's Lodge, No. 20, and Corinthian Lodge, No. 330 have already appeared in the CRAFTSMAN):—

## ST. GEORGE'S LODGE, NO. 42.

P. M., W. Bro. A. S. Murray.  
W. M., W. Bro. J. C. Bennet.  
S. W., Bro. Andrew Ellis, jun.  
J. W., Bro. James Priddis.  
Treasurer, W. Bro. W. Skinner.  
Secretary, Bro. George Angus.  
Chaplain, W. Bro. Rev. J. A. Murray.  
S. D., Bro. T. H. Brunton.  
J. D., Bro. R. F. Kingsmill.  
I. G., Bro. A. Dale.  
Organist, Bro. D. F. Cordley.  
Stewards, Bro. F. Harding and James Rogers.  
D. of C., Bro. James Donnelly.  
Tyler, Bro. F. J. Hood.

## KILWINNING LODGE, NO. 64.

P. M., W. Bro. R. B. Hungerford.  
W. M., W. Bro. W. R. Browne.  
S. W., Bro. W. J. Smith.  
J. W., Bro. Jacob Harens.  
Treasurer, W. Bro. R. Lewis.  
Secretary, W. Bro. H. A. Baxter.  
Chaplain, Bro. Rev. F. Evans Davis.  
Organist, Bro. Wallace Halle.  
S. D., Bro. Chester Glass.  
J. D., Bro. W. Mercer.  
I. G., Bro. John Hargreaves.  
Stewards, Bro. S. C. Locke and H. D. Ellis.

D. of C., Bro. Walter H. Morgan.  
Tyler, Bro. F. J. Hood.

## TUSCAN LODGE, NO. 195.

P. M., W. Bro. R. W. Smylie.  
W. M., W. Bro. Charles F. Goodhue.  
S. W., Bro. Charles S. Hyman.  
J. W., Bro. John Taylor.  
Treasurer, W. Bro. Herman Waterman.  
Secretary, Bro. Michael Kew.  
Chaplain, Bro. Rev. G. M. Innes.  
S. D., Bro. Dr. R. J. P. Morden.  
J. D., Bro. George McBeth.  
I. G., Bro. W. R. Elliott.  
D. of C., Bro. John McBeth.  
Stewards, Bros. T. H. Carling and A. P. Tregent.  
Tyler, Bro. F. J. Hood.

## ST. JOHN'S LODGE, NO. 209a.

P. M., W. Bro. B. W. Greer.  
W. M., W. Bro. A. J. B. Macdonald.  
S. W., Bro. W. H. Rooks.  
J. W., Bro. H. C. Owen.  
Treasurer, Bro. W. Willis.  
Secretary, Bro. John Siddons.  
Chaplain, W. Bro. A. S. Abbott.  
S. D., Bro. John S. Dewar.  
J. D., Bro. Wm. Johnstone.  
I. G., Bro. Wm. O'Brien.  
D. of C., Bro. E. McKenzie.  
Stewards, Bros. A. McPherson and A. McDonald.  
Tyler, Bro. F. J. Hood.

At the termination of the installation a pleasing incident not set down on the regular programme occurred. W. Bro. Hawthorn, of St. John's Lodge, No. 209a, asked permission to break in upon the routine business of the Lodge for a few minutes, and his request being granted, he craved the attention of the Brethren assembled for a short time while he bestowed upon Past Master B. W. Greer, of St. John's Lodge, a mark of the esteem and respect in which that Brother was held by the members of the Lodge over which he had presided during the year. The gift was in the shape of a very handsome P. M.'s gold jewel, the pendant of which bore the following inscription:—"Presented to W. Bro. B. W. Greer by the Brethren of St. John's Lodge, No. 209a, G. R. C., London, Ont., as a token of respect and esteem, London, 27th December, 1878." W. Bro. Greer returned grateful thanks to the Brethren of St. John's Lodge for the valuable jewel they had been pleased to bestow upon him. He could assure them that he would ever prize it highly, and that he would endeavor to conduct himself both in public and private as becoming a man and a Mason.

At the close of the proceedings, a vote of thanks was given to R. W. Bro. Dr. Carscaden, for the able and efficient manner in which he had conducted the ceremonies. The Lodge then closed, and the majority of the Brethren subsequently repaired to the Town Hall, where the grand banquet in commemoration of St. John's Day was held. The Chair was occupied by W. Bro. Jas. Ardell, Master of Corinthian Lodge. On his right were seated Dr. Carscaden and Messrs. D. B. Burch and H. A. Baxter, and on his left were Messrs. I. Waterman, Dr. Sutton, and Revs. J. B. Richardson and A.

Brown. The vice-chairs were occupied by Messrs. A. M. Ross, J. B. Cook and J. B. Schram.

The dinner was prepared by Mr. George Peters in very good style, and the band of the 7th Battalion was in attendance, and played a number of selections during the evening. The dinner having been satisfactorily discussed, the Chairman called upon all to fill their glasses and drink the health of "The Queen."

The toast was enthusiastically honored.

The Chairman next proposed the health of "The Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England—His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales."

The toast was drank with Grand honors.

The Chairman next proposed "The Governor-General of Canada."

The toast was heartily drank.

The Chairman gave "The Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, coupled with the name of Bro. Carscadden."

Dr. Carscadden said he had been acquainted with every Grand Master of Canada, but he did not think any one filled the chair more worthily than the present occupant. The Grand Lodge of Canada is in accord with every Grand Lodge throughout the world except one, and he thought that the disruption with the Grand Orient of France was highly creditable to our Lodge, but he hoped this want of harmony would not long continue. He referred to the charitable efforts of the Grand Lodge, which were performed, as Masons loved to perform good deeds, in secret. He regretted that he was not better acquainted with the brethren of London, but he was glad to be present. He congratulated them upon their undertaking. He thought that London East should be congratulated also, as the establishment of Masonic Lodges was conducive to order. Certainly the genius of Freemasonry was beneficial to society. He again returned thanks for the right royal manner in which the toast was honored.

The Vice Chairman proposed the toast of the "Day we Celebrate," coupled with the names of Rev. Dr. DeLew and W. Bro. J. B. Richardson.

Rev. Dr. DeLew said the day we celebrated is dedicated to one of the two Johns, St. John the Evangelist, both of whom stood high in Masonic estimation. He had an earnest word to say to all. We are seeking for light, and in this busy world of ours it is well to devote a few hours in our lodges to seek for light. We must not only like St. John seek light, but we must find it. It is our principal duty to testify to that light of which St. John was a glory. This we can do by adhering to our constitution. He spoke of the importance of having the proper material in the body. There was no doubt that there were improper persons in the Masonic body as well as there were in

the church. He said it had been charged that while the Masons spoke of love and benevolence they did not exhibit those qualities in the world. It was not enough to be charitable in the lodge room only. We must let our light shine before the whole world. Let us exercise the charity that God has laid in the bottom of our hearts. Let us be good men and good Masons, and we will set a becoming example to the world, and after this life we will be welcomed by the Grand Architect into the heavenly home.

Rev. Mr. Richardson returned his most hearty thanks for the way in which his name had been mentioned. This was a very memorable day to him, as he had for the first time connected himself with the brethren of London. He congratulated the brethren of Corinthian Lodge upon the possession of so fine a hall. He hoped that their membership would constantly increase, and the influence for good extend.

Several other toasts having been duly honored, the Brethren separated after spending a very pleasant evening.

#### Grand Lodge of Scotland.

The regular quarterly meeting of the Grand Lodge of Scotland was held in Freemason's Hall, Edinburgh, on Tuesday, the 5th of November, the Grand Master, Sir Michael Shaw-Stewart, Bart., on the throne.

The following resolutions were adopted:—

"That the existing arrangements regarding the Provincial Grand Lodge of all India remain undisturbed for the present."

"That fraternal relations be established with the Grand Lodge of Hayti and the Republic of Liberia."

"That Charters be granted to Lodges Manning, Tara, Manning River, New South Wales; and St. James, Saddleworth, South Australia."

The following Grand Officers for the ensuing year were elected:—

M. W. G. M.—Sir Michael R. Shaw-Stewart, Bart.

Deo. G. M.—The Earl of Mar and Kellie.

Su. G. M.—Col. Campbell, of Blythwood.

S. G. W.—Lord Inverurie.

J. G. W.—R. F. Shaw Stewart.

G. Secretary.—D. Murray Lyon.

G. Cashier.—David Kinnear.

Grand Chaplains.—Bros. the Rev. Dr. George S. Burns and the Rev. A. Thomas Grant.

S. G. Deacon.—The Earl of Haddington.  
 J. G. Deacon.—J. Caldwell.  
 Archt. G. Lodge.—Wm. Hay.

Several alterations in the Constitution of Grand Lodge were proposed, the greater part having been recommended by the Grand Committee. Amongst the changes adopted was the giving power to the Grand Master to appoint the Deputies and Substitute Grand Masters; and that no Grand Officer should hold office longer than two years consecutively, or be eligible for re-election until he be one year out of office, with the exception of the Grand Master, the Deputy and Substitute Masters, the Secretary, and Cashier and Tyler.

No reference appears to have been made to the position in which the Grand Lodge occupies with regard to that of Quebec.

#### Grand Lodge of Manitoba.

We regret to observe that there is a very unmasonic spirit creeping into our Order in different parts of the world. The Freemasons of France have lately removed one of the Great Landmarks—a belief in God—and have thus thrown open the portals of Freemasonry, in that country, to the atheist, contrary to the express requirements of the Ancient Charges. The Freemasons of Scotland have, within the past few months, invaded the jurisdiction of a friendly Grand Lodge, contrary to all Masonic law and order; and now, we learn, that there has been a schism in the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, and certain Past Grand Officers, two of them being Past Grand Masters, have taken upon themselves to call a meeting of the Grand Lodge, without the knowledge or consent of the Grand Master. It may then well be asked, where will all this end? Is it in this way that the principles of the Order are to be exemplified? What a travesty on that grand principle of Freemasonry, *brotherly love!*

We are not in possession of all

the facts connected with this rebellious movement in Manitoba, nor are we reliably informed of the causes which have led to it. We have given *official* publication to the edicts of the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, suspending the brethren referred to for their conduct, but beyond this we have no *official* notification. A local exchange, the *Selkirk Inter-Ocean*, states that the "split" is on a question of ritual, one party preferring the American work, and the other the Canadian, and that those favorable to the Canadian work had met and organized into a Grand Lodge, with M. W. Bro. W. A. Kennedy, a P. G. M. of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, as Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. E. G. Conklin, a P. G. J. W., as Grand Secretary.

If this be indeed the cause of the schism, then the separatist are without excuse. By a resolution of that Grand Lodge, adopted at its second Annual Communication, held on the 13th June, 1877, the ANCIENT YORK was adopted as the ritual for the Lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba. We cannot see what reasonable ground there is for this unfortunate movement, and we sincerely hope that the difficulty may be removed, and a reconciliation effected between the parties. More on the subject when we are in possession of all the facts.

#### Canadian Masonic News.

Oxford Chapter, No 18, R A M, Woodstock, Ont: R E Comp C L Beard, 1st Prin; E Comp J Coaville, 2nd Prin; E Comp G Anderson, 3rd Prin; Comp Dr L H Swan, S; Comp Geo Middleton, 1st Asst S; Comp Asa Hall, 2nd Asst S; Comp J E Thacker, Scribe E; Comp H Thornton, Scribe N. The Installation will take place on the third Friday of February.

Harriston Lodge, No 262, Harriston, W M, W Bro H Leighton; S W, J Livingstone; J. W. R H Young; Chap, R G Lambert; Treas, D Hamilton; Secretary, A J Stewart; S D, Jas Smith; J D, H Strong; Stewards, J Fisher and R Dowling; I G, E H Dewar; Tyler, S L Haight.

Maple Leaf Lodge, No 362: I P M, W Bro Z Williamson; W M, W Bro R C Brace; S W, A B Taylor; J W, John Sharpe; Treas, W Young; Secretary, J C Robertson; Chap, R S Cooper; S D, G W Campbell; J D, A T Embree; D of C, David Dick; S S, Wm Fenton; J S, A Macdonald; I G, James Sharpe; Tyler, R Young.

Northumberland Lodge, No 17, Newcastle, N B: I P M, W Bro W A Park; W M, E Lee Street; S W, Chas Maltby; J W, Wm Feun; Treasurer, Jas Johnstone; Secretary, C E Fish; S D, Walter Buck; J D, R Maltby; S S, C E McKeen; J S, Richard Gremloy; I G, Jas Russell; Tyler, Jas Copp; D of C, R Copeland.

Miramichi Lodge, No 18, Chatham, N.B.: W M, W Bro Wm B Howard; I P M, W Bro John Fotheringham; S W, Geo LeBrittain; J W, George I Wilson; Treas, James Gray; Sec, T F Gillespie, P M; S D, J S Benson, P M; J D, James V Benson; S S, Donald McIntosh; J S, Alex Ridling; I G, Charles Gunn; Tyler, W C Smythe; D of C, C B Coigley.

St John's Lodge, No 4, Winnipeg, installed by M W Bro Geo F Newcomb: I. P. M., W Bro Hugh McCowan; W M, W Bro T W Robinson; S W, A J Belch; J W, W H McLean; Treasurer; Wm Horgroves; Secretary, John Dick; Churlain; D Campbell; Organist, S L Kyle; S D, Alex McGowan; J D, D N McMillan; S S, James Levy; J S, Alex Godfrey; Tyler, A Murray; D of C, Robt Leckie.

Howard Lodge, No 15, Hopewell Cape, N B: W M, W Bro James Scott; S W, R B Anderson; J W, W H Wallace, M D; Treas, T P Keating; Sec, J Truman Steeves; S D, Archie Steeves; J D, D M Curry, S S, James Stewart; J S, W Frank Taylor; I G, H J Bennett; Tyler, Samuel Stewart; D of C, C P Warman. After the installation of the officers the brethren assembled for the purpose of partaking of an excellent supper which had been provided. A large number were present, and a very pleasant evening was passed.

AFTER the installations on the 27th Dec., Waverley Lodge, No. 361, G.R.C., Guelph, presented W. Bro. Wm. Tyler with a handsome Past Master's jewel and an appropriate address. The jewel is made of 14 carat gold, solid, and is beautifully engraved and chased. It depends from a blue ribbon, which has three solid gold clasps, on the middle of which is the word "Waverley," in raised letters. Around the centre piece of the jewel is the motto, "Audi Vide Tace." And the drop pendant has the No. of the Lodge engraved thereon.

Benjamin Lodge, No 31, Andover, N B: W M, W Bro Thos T Beveridge, M D; S W,

F W Brown; J W, J Allen Perley; Treas, W B Beveridge; Sec, R W L Tibbitts; S D, S J Baker; J D, A D Olmstead; S S, H F Holmes; J S, Geo A Beadle; I G, Aug Ferry; Tyler, J A Armstrong. The day was further celebrated by a supper at Beveridge's Hall. About fifty sat down to the spread, which was pronounced a very excellent one. The usual loyal and other toasts were duly honored in cold water. The success of the entertainment was mainly due to the ladies, who deserve great credit for the splendid manner in which the arrangements were carried out.

THE Grand Superintendent of London District, R. E. Comp. H. A. Baxter, installed the following officers of St. John's Chapter, No. 3, G. R. C., London, recently: P. Z., E. Comp. D. McPhail; 1st Principal Z., E. Comp. W. Hawthorne; 2nd Principal H., Comp. B. W. Greer; 3rd Principal J., Comp. W. H. Rooks; Scribe E., Comp. J. Siddons; Scribe N., Comp. W. Riddell; Treas., Comp. W. Willis; Prin. Soj., Comp. J. G. Lowe; Sen. Soj., Comp. W. McCadden; Jun. Soj., Comp. W. J. Smyth; D. of C., Comps. L. G. Joliffe and W. H. Taylor, Junitor, Comp. F. J. Hood.

A new Masonic Lodge was organized at Hopewell Corner, New Brunswick, on Thursday, 22nd Jan., under the name of Albert Lodge. A large number were present at the organization, which took place in Oulton Hall, among whom were the following: R W Bro W F Bunting, Grand Secretary; W Bro R J Melvin, W M of N B Lodge, and representatives from the Grand Lodge; Zion, of Sussex; Keith, of Moncton; Howard, of Hillsboro; Salisbury, of Salisbury; Athol, of Amherst; Acadia, of Pugwash; Benjamin, of Andover; and Albion, of New Glasgow. The following are the officers of the new Lodge, who were installed immediately after the Lodge had been organized: W M, W Bro Wm King; S W, R C Bacon; J W, J E Montgomery; Treas, Daniel Slite; Sec'y, F W Watson; S D, W Hamilton; J D, C Stevens; S S, Warren Copp; J S, S B Oulton; D of C, F B Rich; I G, W M Sutherland.

MOUNT FOREST.—A social gathering was held in the Town Hall, in that village, on the evening of the 27th Dec., under the auspices of the members of St. Alban's Lodge. The Hall was handsomely decorated for the occasion with hanging banners and pictures. The Chair was occupied by W. Bro. Swan. A very excellent programme of music and readings was provided, which gained the hearty applause of the audience. At the close of the programme refreshments were served in the Mechanic's Institute room, and the evening's entertainment closed with a dance, and various parlor amusements. The evening was very pleasantly spent.

On Friday, the 24th of January, the funeral of the late Bro. Edwin McCrum took place from the Ruebottom House, Bowmanville. The remains were taken to St. John's Church, where the usual service was conducted by the Rev. Dr. McNab. The funeral procession then re-formed and proceeded to the Bowmanville Cemetery, preceded by the Cornet Band playing the "Dead March in Saul." The funeral was of the town, and the members of Jerusalem Lodge, No. 31, G. R. C., as well as attended by a large number of the citizens brethren from Newcastle, Orono, Oshawa and Brooklin. After the church burial service had been performed at the grave, the solemn and affecting Masonic ceremonies were conducted by the Worshipful Master, W. Bro. Feilding. The deceased had up to a short time previous to his death been residing at Orono. He had been ailing for some months from disease of the lungs and bright's disease of the kidneys, and about a month before was brought to Bowmanville by the brethren and received at their hands every possible kindness and attention. Mr. and Mrs. Ruebottom also did all in their power to make him as comfortable as possible while at their house. His remains were interred in a plot of ground purchased by the Masons for that purpose. The deceased has no relatives living in that part of the country, but we understand that his mother is still living in Ireland.

At a regular communication of Walker Lodge No. 321, Acton West, the following officers were installed by W. Bro. Chase, assisted by W. Bro. Hunt:

- W. Bro. Henry Hunt, W. M.
- " Caleb Chase, P. M.
- " John Shaw, S. W.
- " Dr. W. H. Lowry, J. W.
- " H. Cargill, Chaplain.
- " James Matthews, Treasurer.
- " A. B. Wright, Secretary.
- " Adam Winlow, S. D.
- " Josiah Adams, J. D.
- " Fred Secord, D. C.
- " James Ryder, } Stewards.
- " D. C. Robertson, }
- " J. D. Hall, I. G.
- " John Lenny, Tyler.

After the installation the Brethren, with a number of ladies, sat down to a splendid spread at Mr. Robert Agnew's hotel, got up in his usual excellent manner. Mr. and Mrs. Agnew know full well how to provide for such an occasion. A very pleasant feature of the evening was the presenting by the Brethren of Walker Lodge, to W. Bro. Henry Hunt a gold Past Master's jewel, bearing the following inscription: "Presented to Worshipful Bro. Henry Hunt, by the members of Walker Lodge, Acton, Dec. 27th, 1878." The jewel was purchased from Mr. Geo. Hinds, Acton, and reflects great credit on his establishment. A few hours were very pleasantly spent. Walker Lodge is in a very prosperous condition.

COLLINGWOOD.—After the installation of the officers of Manito Lodge, No. 90, W. Bro. Doherty was presented with a very handsome Past Master's jewel, on his retiring from the W. M.'s chair, and as a slight token of the respect and esteem entertained for him by the members of the Lodge. Bro. Doherty, in reply, said it was with feelings of the deepest gratitude he attempted to express thanks for the honor done him that evening. The manner in which our E. W. Bro. had spoken of him on behalf of the Brethren when making the magnificent presentation of the P. M.'s jewel, must proceed more from the warm heart and kindly feelings of the Brethren towards him than from anything he had actually done to merit such complimentary allusions. In again inadequately expressing his thanks he hoped they would always find him willing to do what he could to show his appreciation of that beautiful P. M.'s jewel. The brethren were called off to a banquet which was as complete a display of good things as the committee, Bros. Taylor, Anderson and Burdett, with their accustomed taste and liberality, could provide. After the cloth had been cleared, the W. M. introduced the following toasts: The first was the health of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, which was acknowledged by the craft in the usual Masonic style, and with all the honors. H. R. H. the Prince of Wales, G. M. of the G. L. of England, and the D. D. G. M. of the Toronto District, were duly proposed and enthusiastically honored. The W. M. was proposed by R. W. Bro. Nettleton, who availed himself of the opportunity then afforded him of referring to the steady increase for many years of Manito Lodge, and the mutual good feeling that had always existed amongst them. The W. M. in rising to respond to the toast, thanked the brethren for the honor they had conferred upon him and the hearty manner in which the toast was received. He thanked them for placing him in the discharge of the highest duties of the Lodge, which he would endeavor to execute to the best of his ability. Bro. Carpenter proposed in very flattering terms the health of the committee. Bro. Taylor replied and said he did not deny having taken lessons in cooking, and was determined to satisfy every brother. He was always ready to lend a helping hand on such occasions. We must all look forward with cheerfulness and wish hope to that home where we shall all be summoned from this sublunary abode to the Grand Lodge above, to render an account of all our actions, and may God grant that it may then be found that our time spent in Manito Lodge has not been spent in vain. He felt he was no orator, but would give them a song. The whole proceedings throughout were conducted with propriety decorum and harmony.