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CLOSE OF VOL. XXIII.

With this issue volume twenty-three is brought to a close. Before entering upon another volume, we feel it our duty to thank very many brethren for the support given us and the words of encouragement received. We have endeavored to produce a readable and reliable magazine, and it has been appreciated to a greater extent than we anticipated. However, there is room for further extending our circulation, and we ask present subscribers to endeavor, when remitting next year's subscription, to forward another name with their own. We have, contrary to our original intentions, carried for months the names of many in arrears. Such a proceeding must end some time, and the present is most opportune. Those

who have experienced our past leniency are requested to remit at once, and not send back this number, endorsed "refused." Having accepted it for a year, we certainly are entitled to payment therefor.

The *Masonic Home Journal* has entered upon its seventh volume. This semi-monthly publication is deserving of success, as it is issued in the interests of the Masonic Widows' and Orphans' Home of Louisville.

Concurrently with the inauguration of a United Grand Lodge of Victoria, the Royal Arch Masons formed themselves into a Supreme Grand Chapter, with Sir W. J. Clarke as First Grand Principal, and Comp. T. H. Lempriere, Grand Scribe.

Believing that a few words of praise, unsought for, are highly appreciated, we have much pleasure in paying a tribute to the *Voice of Masonry*, Chicago. It is ably edited, and stands without a peer among the many Craft exchanges that reach our sanctum.

The Grand Lodge of Maine met in Portland, May 7th and 9th. The membership is 20,340, a gain of 79 during the year. The initiations were 600 against 708 last year. Albro E.

Chase, of Portland, is G.M., and Ira Perry, of Portland, Grand Secretary.

Smoking concerts is the latest amusement, inaugurated at the Masonic Hall, Plymouth. One held recently was, so the London *Masonic Star* says, a decided success, being presided over by W. Bro. Hearder, and attended by numerous Masons and their friends.

The Tyler, formerly published in Detroit, has been removed to Grand Rapids, the headquarters of Freemasonry in Michigan. We hope the move will prove profitable to the company which now controls *The Tyler*, it having passed out of the hands of Brownell Bros., who are, however, stockholders in it.

We are pleased to notice the enlargement of the live and enterprising *South African Freemason*, published at East London, Cape Colony. Our brethren in South Africa should certainly appreciate the efforts made to provide them with excellent Masonic literature, which they doubtless do, as class publications are not always paying ventures.

District Grand Master Finnemore, of the District Grand Lodge of Natal, South Africa, at the recent session of that body said there were about 550 subscribing Masons under his jurisdiction; and during the year there had been 60 initiations, 60 passings, 60 raisings, 25 joinings, 43 resignations, 14 exclusions and 2 deaths.

Past Grand Master McNichol of St. John, N. B., is of opinion that suspensions for non-payment of dues might

be materially reduced if the secretaries of lodges would endeavor to make prompt collections. Let the secretaries receive dues from each brother every meeting, and suspensions would soon be lessened.

The Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick, at its recent annual communication, announced that a copy of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of the Province of Ontario had been received. We had a faint idea that this so-called Grand Lodge was generally looked upon as a clandestine affair.

Deputy Grand Master Robertson is receiving much publicity in the Masonic press, the complimentary paragraph that appeared in a recent issue of THE CRAFTSMAN in connection with his lecturing tour being copied freely. The London *Freemason* and *Freemason's Repository*, Providence, R.I., are the latest exchanges in which we notice our paragraph fully credited.

We regret to have to announce the sudden death of Bro. Dr. Chorlton, editor of the *Masonic Chronicle*, Columbus, Ohio, on May 1st, in his fifty fourth year. Bro. Chorlton died in harness, being stricken with heart disease while in the editorial room. Deceased took a deep interest in secret societies, and was a prime mover in the order of the Eastern Star.

THE CANADIAN CRAFTSMAN launches out in very strong terms against the practice of canvassing for office, an iniquitous and unmasonic existence which is apparently becoming a curse to the lodges in our sister colony. If

our brethren in Canada will revert to our simple and effective English custom of nomination by the W.M., canvassing for office will almost become a thing of the past.—*South African Freemason.*

The *Liberal Freemason*, Boston, has entered upon its thirteenth volume in good health, with the intention of placing sound Masonic reading before its patrons, and of adding something to the common knowledge and understanding of the Craft in Freemasonry. THE CRAFTSMAN offers its congratulations to Bro. Chapman, the genial and clever editor, upon the success that he has met with, and expresses the wish that it may increase a hundred fold.

The "Memorial Edition" of *The Tyler*, Grand Rapids, is a very creditable publication of about 100 pages, and is issued in commemoration of laying the corner stone of the new Masonic Home. This special edition is a complete history of Freemasonry in the leading centres in Michigan and is a valuable addition to current Masonic literature. Portraits of leading craftsmen and sketches of their lives are judiciously interspersed throughout the publication.

The *Voice of Masonry* says if the brethren in King Solomon Lodge, Toronto, who are accused of wilfully black-balling candidates for personal ends are found guilty after a trial "they should be expelled and forever debarred from affiliation." We certainly expect an opinion from some leading members of Grand Lodge on this matter at no distant day. Perhaps the

G.M. will make a deliverance in his annual address next month.

THE CANADIAN CRAFTSMAN for May remarks that "The incessant meddling by Blue Lodges, grand and subordinate, in the quarrel between the Rites, has a tendency to make one sick." Personally, the editor of the *Master Mason* is not conscious of having had any tendency to nausea, and yet we sympathize with Brother Hambley, in a measure. As a loyal Mason we can but deplore the attempt to bring into our Blue Lodges questions and difficulties that belong entirely to other and separate organizations, and thereby disturbing the peace, harmony and prosperity of the same.—*Master Mason.*

Granted, that lodge-wreckers cannot be legally dealt with when they, for personal reasons, persistently black-ball candidates in order to ruin the lodge, would it be a heinous offence for those who hold the lodge dear to them to step slightly aside from the beaten path and thwart the cowardly intentions of the black-ballers? This may seem a startling proposition, and it is one that we would not endorse; but it is propounded in order to show the solicitude displayed by our law-makers for those whose regard for Freemasonry consists solely in destroying a lodge. The brother who clamored for the proviso in the secrecy of the ballot clause of our constitution can furnish further particulars.

If Bro. Dewar's contentions are right regarding the position occupied by St. John's 209 a, London, and we certainly do not doubt them, we cannot but ad

mire the stand he takes on its behalf. He says:—"It (St. John's) has rights secured to it by a document, the reliability and authenticity of which has been sworn to, and upon these rights it demands even-handed justice from Grand Lodge." If an agreement was made with 209 *a*, that agreement should be carried out, unless it is the wish of the members that it be rescinded. Grand Lodge must be jealous of its honor, and guard it at all risks and cost, even if it has to tolerate foreign ritualism, which certainly cannot destroy any one of the principles of Freemasonry.

A letter from Most Ill. Bro. Thomas L. Shaw, Grand Secretary of the Sov. Sanc. of Scotland, reports that the Sov. Sanc. of Scotland is in excellent condition, and also announces the fact that the Sov. Sanc. of Canada has issued a patent to Major J. Crombie, 33°, 90°, 96°, Grand Master of the Sov. Sanc. of Scotland, as honorary Past Grand Master of the Sov. Sanc. of Canada, and also that the Sov. Sanc. of Scotland will issue patents creating Most Ill. Bro. Daniel Rose, Grand Master of Canada, and Most Ill. Bro. Darius Wilson, Grand Master U. S. A., honorary Past Grand Masters 33°, 90°, 96° of the Sov. Sanc. of Scotland.

Judging by the comments made in the daily press, in both the United States and England, it is quite evident that the traditional aversion of females to Freemasonry is rapidly declining. The London *Daily Telegraph* says: "During the past fifteen or twenty years the lodges that have given periodical entertainments to ladies have become more numerous, and at present there are many which commit the

enormity every year of either a banquet or a ball, or a summer outing, participated in by the gentler sex." In noting this fact the *Telegraph* says that the withdrawal of female opposition to the lodges is easily accounted for.

The CANADIAN CRAFTSMAN for April not only appropriated our editorial "From the Sky," but also changed its title to "Whence came Freemasonry?" That is neither honest nor brotherly, nor what we expected from that periodical. Evidently it needs reforming.—*Voice of Masonry*. We admit the fact of publishing the article referred to, but deny the inference drawn. We did not "put a head on" the article, but printed it as we found it in an exchange. If THE CRAFTSMAN jumped on every exchange that publishes its original matter without giving it credit the problem of perpetual motion would be almost solved. The trouble is to find the thief, as it is not difficult to discover those who have been misled.

The *South Australian Freemason* of April 8 contains an extended account of the inauguration of the United Grand Lodge of Victoria. Out of the 143 lodges in that colony only two refused to join the new organization. Among those who attended the organization was Lord Carrington, Grand Master of New South Wales. Sir William J. Clarke, Bart., Grand Master of Victoria, according to the *Victorian Freemason*, "is one of the largest land-owners in the colony, and his numerous charitable deeds are seldom made known; also he maintains some three or four churches all to himself, but of the more important gifts he bestowed

on the community we may cite £10,000 towards the building fund of the cathedral, 3,000 guineas to Royal College of Music for the Southern Scholarship, more than the same amount towards the subscription at the time of the Indian famine, £1,000 to the Clarke College, Trinity College, and lately £500 towards rebuilding the Alfred Hospital."

The revisors of the constitution of the Grand Lodge of Canada, who so amended a clause as to remove the secrecy of the ballot are referred to the views held by Manitoba and Louisiana as their ideas of its sacredness. Our constitution now provides that in the case of a charge of the ballot being tampered with by the officers the black ballers can disclose how they voted. To show the absurdity of such a clause we will suppose black-balling occurred, in which three brethren admitted at an investigation that they each cast a black ball. In this case A could speak for himself, and so could B and C, but neither could corroborate the statements of the others; each dealing with a separate occurrence. In opposition to the charge and individual testimony we could have the united testimony of the W.M. and his wardens that there were no black balls, each giving evidence as to one fact, and corroborating one another's statements. This would be cumulative evidence against merely individual evidence, and yet our sagacious law-makers, in their anxiety to display their powers of perception completely lost sight of this fact.

Grand Master General Darius Wilson, of the Sovereign Sanctuary Royal

Masonic Rite of the U. S. A., recently issued an edict declaring that Deputy Grand Representatives are not, except in rare and specific cases, to communicate the degrees of the Rite upon Masons residing in the vicinity of chapters, councils or senates, without the consent of such bodies. The following excellent suggestion is extracted from the edict: "I take this opportunity also of earnestly requesting that all Sir Knights refrain from taking any part whatever in any Scottish Rite warfare, and also from speaking or writing disrespectfully of any of the so called Scottish Rite members or their organizations. Our Rite is in nowise connected with any Scottish Rite body, therefore we are not interested, directly or indirectly, in any of the disputes or quarrels of that Rite. It must be remembered that a large number of our members belong to the Scottish Rite, under the Supreme Councils of both the Northern and Southern Jurisdictions. We may also have members who belong to all the other factions of so-called Scottish Rite Masonry, and, as we are sworn to perpetual friendship, it illy becomes us to enter into strife with any of those organizations. A golden silence should, therefore, be rigorously maintained."

As we are somewhat in accord with the sentiments expressed in the following, from the *London Free Press*, we give it prominence:—" 'Economy,' writing from St. Thomas, on May 1st, sends this: 'Will you kindly inform your readers how much per annum it costs to pay the expenses of the Board of General Purposes? My reason for asking is that there is a growing feeling that the money could be employed

more in accordance with Masonic propriety, for then, no doubt, there are plenty of good men in G. L. not in any way connected with 'rings' who would gladly give their time and expenses too for the privilege of being permitted to assist in a judicious and fair administration of the funds of the Grand Lodge. The time has come when the G. L. should be run on truly independent lines, and the hangers-on made to feel that we do not keep up the institution for their special benefit. Please answer as soon as you can.' ANS.—The expenses of the Board of General Purposes for 1887 were \$781.50. They generally run between \$650 and \$800." It is quite evident that some of the brethren are beginning to think. Once they reach that stage, action is sure to follow, and then the "hangers-on," as "Economy" terms them, will be laid on the shelf.

"The Druid" in the London *Masonic Star* is responsible for the following:— "It is not often we hear or read a respectable speech from the ordinary member of a Masonic Lodge. Replies to toasts are usually of the 'massage' order of treatment, or, you scratch my back and I'll scratch yours. The W. M. says, with a placid look upon his countenance, 'I—think—brethren—that—when—I—say—we—have—in—brother—Johnny—a—man—and—a—mason—who—has—given—his—time—AND—fortune,—brethren,—to—his—lodge,' &c., &c. And Brother Johnny swells his manly chest, and answers the brethren that he has done nothing but what his love of Freemasonry and his admiration for that excellent brother who occupies the Master's chair, &c." There is too

much truth in the above, as the speech-making at refreshment tables is often of the back-scratching order. Mutual admiration societies are very well in their place, but continuous doses of one kind of medicine frequently produce nausea. Sometimes at our refreshment tables, but very rarely, we do hear brethren express ideas, and often tread dangerously near disloyalty to their rulers, and we often say "hear, hear" to their remarks. What Freemasonry wants is more thinkers and fewer tricksters; more brethren who do not hesitate to condemn wrong-doing, and fewer of those whose entire stock-in-trade consists of stupid flattery.

THE CRAFTSMAN tenders its congratulations to Grand Master Lawrence, of New York State, in removing the huge debt that has been hanging over the brethren in his jurisdiction for the past fifty years. The first contribution to the fund was contributed in 1842, by Brother Greenfield Pote, tiler of the Grand Lodge, a "man in humble circumstances, who lived by the labor of his hands." Upon this good Mason's subscription, one dollar, was laid the foundation of the present magnificent temple and the basis of the contemplated asylum. In 1842, the anti-Masonic agitation having completely died out, the Masonic Hall and Asylum Fund was founded under the auspices of the Masonic fraternity of the State. The purpose of the fund was the erection of a hall in the city of New York, from the revenues of which, when fully paid for, it was and is still proposed to establish and maintain an asylum for indigent Masons, their widows and orphans. It is this fund, started nearly fifty years ago, which has bur-

dened the Masons of New York State for many years past, and which, it was thought, was likely to prove a financial drawback to them for many years to come. Thanks to the energy, business ability and courage of Grand Master Lawrence, the fraternity is now rid of this burden, and, it may be added, it only took this Grand Master less than four years to do what his predecessors had failed to do in about ten times that period.

CANADIAN R. A. CHAPTERS IN VICTORIA.

Several months ago we referred to the establishment of Chapters in the colony of Victoria, Australia, by the Grand Chapter of Canada, and condemned such a procedure. Fault was found with *THE CRAFTSMAN* for its outspokenness, and it was accused of disloyalty to Canadian Masons. When it was discovered that "disloyalty" was a weak cry, then the statement was advanced that warrants had been granted the companions in Melbourne to enable them ultimately to organize a Grand Chapter in Victoria. While this was accepted as a reason it was nevertheless viewed as a very feeble one, and we therefore decided to adopt a waiting policy, and closely watch movements in Victoria.

A Supreme Grand Chapter has been constituted in that colony, consisting, as the *South Australian Freemason*, Adelaide, informs us, of "private Chapters under the English constitution, and one each respectively holding under the Supreme Grand Chapters of Ireland and Scotland." Our latest exchange from Melbourne, the capital of Victoria, is dated March 20th, the day Grand Chapter was organized. From it we gather that there was some slight

hitch, in which the Canadian Chapters played a part, but the nature of it is not mentioned. From the London, Eng., *Freemason*, of May 11, which has better facilities for obtaining news from Australia than we in Canada have, further particulars are procured. That journal says:—"At the last moment the Canadian Chapters repented them of their resolution to act towards their English, Irish, and Scotch companions in a spirit of conciliation. They announced their determination to retain their warrants, and the Grand Chapter of Victoria was accordingly constituted without their assistance. The question now arises—How will the new G. Chapter act towards these aggressive people? Will it anathematise them or will it leave them alone? * * * We trust, however, the new G. Chapter will adopt the more dignified course of not noticing the Canadian Chapters. No doubt it will forbid their members being received in the Victoria Chapters, but beyond this we are convinced it will be the better policy for the Grand Chapter of Victoria to treat them as if they did not exist. They cannot be a very numerous body, and as there are no longer lodges in the colony from which it will be possible to obtain recruits, their ultimate disappearance from the scene of their wanton aggression can only be a question of time."

We deeply regret the muddle which has arisen, and hope for the sake of the Grand Chapter of Canada, that the Canadians are not so much in fault as is made out. Later advices may give the affair a different complexion, but we fear we are expecting too much from what was a premeditated move to annoy the Supreme Grand Chapter of England.

MASONRY IN OWEN SOUND.

As the Grand Lodge will meet in Owen Sound in July, it will, no doubt, be interesting to our readers to have a short account of the place and of the

commencement and progress of Masonry therein.

Owen Sound was incorporated by a special act of Parliament, and the first election of councillors took place in January, 1857. It is pleasantly situated at the foot of a deep bay, and the principal part of the town is in a valley, which opens out to the bay, and which is surrounded by hills and limestone rocks. Its population, when incorporated, was a little under two thousand. During that year the brethren and some others began to speak of getting a Masonic Lodge in the town, and several persons were initiated in Toronto lodges so that there would be a sufficient number of Masons to petition for a warrant. On the twenty-second of September, 1857, a dispensation was issued by Sir A. N. McNab, G.M. of the Ancient Grand Lodge of Canada, to seven brethren to open a lodge in Owen Sound, to be called St. George's Lodge, of which Bro. Henry Macpherson was nominated W.M. He is now the only survivor of those seven. The first meeting was held on the 20th of October, in the same year. As they could not get suitable rooms at that time, they met for about a year in the court room, through the kindness of Mr. Miller, then governor of the gaol and caretaker of the court buildings. He was not a Mason, but his son, now governor of the gaol, has filled the chair of one of the Owen Sound lodges. One of the first acts of the lodge, on removing to suitable rooms, was to present to Mr. Miller a copy of the "First Great Light in Masonry," as a token of their esteem and their thanks for his kindness. The warrant for St. George's Lodge was dated the 14th of July, 1858, from the G. L. of Canada, being the day of the union of the two Grand Lodges, and under the authority of M. W. Bro. Wm. Mercer Wilson. It is

now numbered 88 on the Grand Lodge register.

Masonry, while generally progressive in Owen Sound, has, of course, had its period of quietude, when little or no increase has been made to its membership. During the time, however, the interest of the brethren did not decrease. The meetings were held regularly, and the lodge became practically a Lodge of Instruction, so that when material would be presented a large number of the brethren were capable of filling nearly any chair in the lodge, and the work would go on smoothly and satisfactorily.

The first meeting under the warrant was held on the sixteenth of February, 1859, the lodge meeting under special authority of the Grand Lodge after the Union until the warrants were prepared. The first visit of a D. D. G. M. was on the 9th of October, 1862, when R.W. Bro. A. De Grassi visited the lodge. D.D.G.M.'s at that time did not consider it their duty to visit so much as they do now, and the working of country lodges was not up to the standard at which most of them have now arrived under the increased attention of D.D.G.M.'s.

The first Masonic funeral in Owen Sound was that of Bro. Peter S. Campbell, the first Senior Warden of the lodge, which was held on the 22nd of March, 1863.

Masonry continued to prosper in Owen Sound, and in 1874 some of the brethren thought there was room for another lodge, and obtained a dispensation, under which the first meeting was held on the 25th of November of that year, and a warrant was granted on the 15th of July, 1875, to them as "North Star," No. 322, Bro. John Creasor, a P.M. of St. George's Lodge, being the first W.M. Bro. Creasor has since filled, for several years, the office of D.D.G.M. of the Georgian District. M.W. Bro. J. K. Kerr was G.M. when the warrant was granted. The lodges have continued to work in harmony and to prosper since that time.

Georgian Chapter, No. 56, held its

first meeting on the 20th of May, 1873, under a dispensation from M.E. Comp. S. B. Harman, issued on the 2nd of April of that year, and the warrant is dated the 14th of August, of the same year. Comps. Macpherson, Cameron and Gordon were the principals, and the Chapter had very fair success.

Owen Sound has latterly been growing fast, and claims that it has plenty of accommodation for the members of Grand Lodge. There are eleven three-storey hotels, and one of four stories is nearly completed, and will be in operation before the meeting in July.

The Brethren will spare no efforts to make visitors comfortable during their stay in Owen Sound, which has now a population of about seven thousand five hundred.

GRAND LODGE OF MANITOBA.

The fourteenth annual communication of this body was held in Winnipeg, on February 13 and 14, the printed proceedings of which have been received from Bro. W. G. Scott, Grand Secretary.

Bro. Weidman, D.D.G.M., Qu'Appelle District, in his report said:—"I regret to have to report that I found it necessary during the past year to call the attention of one of the lodges in my district to the fact that the result of a ballot for membership had been published in the press. Members of the Order should be very careful how they converse about the ballot, and I trust that the warning given, and this reference to it, will prove a caution to all concerned." The committee on the State of Masonry referring to this in their report said: "It is with astonishment we learn that any member of our lodge has so far forgotten his solemn obligations as to have disclosed the secrets of the lodge. The secrecy

of the ballot is so sacred amongst us that a brother is not allowed to disclose his ballot even to another brother. * * * We deem our R.W. Bro. (the D.D.G.M.) remiss in his duty in not having instituted strict inquiries in this case and censured the guilty party in open lodge."

Grand Secretary Scott has charge of a library and free reading room for the brethren, the latter having been opened in April, 1887. The attendance at the reading room has not been as large as was anticipated, but interest in it increased during the winter months.

A motion was introduced as follows: "That it be one of the regulations of this Grand Lodge that lodges in this jurisdiction shall not be permitted to have intoxicating liquors in their lodge rooms, or in the ante-rooms pertaining thereto."

An amendment was moved as follows:—"That each lodge in this jurisdiction shall, if it has not such a by-law, at the first or second meeting from this date pass a by-law prohibiting the use of intoxicating liquors in its lodge room and ante-room."

An amendment to the amendment was then introduced, which read as follows: "That the resolution just read be laid on the table to be read six months hereafter." The amendment to the amendment was declared carried.

The question of a uniform ritual was discussed, according to notice. The matter was brought up by a motion declaring the recognized ritual of the Grand Lodge of Canada to be the proper work. A very lengthy amendment was introduced, setting forth the inexpediency of adopting a uniform ritual, owing to the fact that there are constant additions to the Craft from Canadian and American jurisdictions, and that a hardship would be inflicted on settlers in a new country if unfamiliar work was imposed on them. The amendment further provided that the Canadian work and the ancient York Rite ritual be not interfered with, but emphatically stated that no other ritual would now,

or at any future time, be permitted in the jurisdiction. The amendment was carried.

A motion was brought forward abolishing the degree of Past Master, always conferred upon the Master elect, but an amendment referring the matter to the Board of General Purposes was carried.

From the statistical portion of the proceedings we glean the following:—Lodges in the jurisdiction 40, including one in Morocco.

Members, Dec. 1887	1623
Initiated	159
Passed	115
Raised	120
Joined	103
Reinstated	33
Rejected	20
Demitted	131
Suspended N.P.D	129
Died	23
Members, Dec., 1888	1704
Increase for 1888	105

The lodge reporting largest membership was Ancient Landmark, No. 3, 175; the smallest, King Solomon, No. 8, 13. The warrant of Saskatchewan lodge was returned, thus adding 35 to the army of non-affiliates.

Rev. Canon James D. O'Meara, Winnipeg, is Grand Master, William G. Scott, Winnipeg, Grand Secretary.

GRAND LODGE OF QUEBEC.

In the February issue of THE CRAFTSMAN we devoted considerable space to the annual meeting of this Grand Lodge, which held its nineteenth communication on January 30 and 31. We then gave copious extracts from the Grand Master's address and the list of the newly-elected officers. From a printed copy of the proceedings, kindly forwarded by Bro. John H. Isaacson, Grand Secretary, we gather additional particulars of the business then transacted.

An appeal case came before the Com-

mittee on Jurisprudence, based upon the following:—A brother was suspended from a lodge for attending it while intoxicated, "to the scandal and disgrace of the craft." At the trial the accused denied the charge but the committee held it sustained, hence the appeal. Among the grounds for appeal was one that the evidence was insufficient to reach a verdict. The lodge failed to forward "all papers, documents and evidence, forming the record of the trial," to Grand Lodge, and consequently in face of the denial by the accused the Committee on Jurisprudence had no material at their disposal to combat his statement, and therefore recommended that action be deferred until the next meeting of the Grand Lodge, as they had no desire to injure the accused nor to restore him to membership in opposition to the action of the lodge.

A resolution was adopted leading to the appointment of a committee to revise the constitution, the committee to report at next meeting of Grand Lodge.

The Committee on the State of Masonry congratulated "Grand Lodge on having already endorsed the Grand Master's recommendations to accept mediation in regard to the questions at issue between this Grand Lodge and the Grand Lodge of England, and upon securing as mediator such an eminent and able brother as M. W. Bro. Walkem, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada in Ontario."

Referring to the progress of the Order the same committee reported: "At the formation of Grand Lodge we had a membership of about 1,200. From that to the present time we have initiated 4,200, affiliated 900, besides which our membership was considerably increased when lodges under Canada and Scotland threw in their lot with us. Our actual membership to-day is 2,912, showing during these years upwards of 2,000 withdrawals, 1,600 suspensions, and about 450 deaths. There were also about 270 restorations."

The committee condemned the use of "helps" by officers in performing their ceremonial duties, and recommended D. D. G. M's to discountenance the practice.

The salary of the Grand Secretary was increased \$200.

A special committee to whom had been referred a motion relating to tavern keepers and others, engaged in selling liquors, recommended Grand Lodge to refrain from action at present.

The D. D. G. M. of Montreal District regrets "to report Richelieu Lodge, at Sorel, in a very weak state, due chiefly to efforts made by the clergy (R. C.) in that town to suppress the Order. The brethren keep up their spirits well and hope in due time to report progress and success."

The D. D. G. M. of Bedford District, in his report drew the attention of Grand Lodge to a difficulty with the Hon. Thomas Wood, who holds the warrant, jewels, books, etc., of the late Prevost Lodge, No. 7 at Dunham. At the request of the G. M. the D. D. G. M. had interviewed Mr. Wood, and requested a transference of the property of the lodge, which Mr. Wood refused to make. The reason of his refusal was based upon the opinion that Grand Lodge had acted unjustly and un-Masonically in taking their number from them and giving it to another without first giving the lodge an opportunity of appearing and defending itself, which was equivalent to condemning them without a trial.

From the statistical report prepared by the Grand Secretary we take the following figures:—

Initiations	208
Passing	198
Raising	182
Joinings	33
Withdrawals	36
Deaths.....	42
Suspensions, N. P. D.....	38
Reinstated	19
Life Members.....	6
Total Membership.....	2820

The report of the Foreign Correspondence is prepared by Bro. E. T. D.

Chambers, of Quebec, and the work is carefully done in the limited space at his disposal. In the introductory he says: "The brethren of New South Wales are receiving the congratulations of the Masonic World upon their attainment of the blessing of a united Sovereign Masonic Government. May ours ere long be a similar experience. So far as in us lies we of the Grand Lodge of Quebec are already pledged to a course that should make for contentment and peace."

Bro. Isaac Henry Stearns, Montreal, Grand Master, Bro. John H. Isaacson, Montreal, Grand Secretary.

GRAND LODGE OF LOUISIANA.

The seventy-seventh annual communication of this body was held in New Orleans on Feb. 11th and 12th. A copy of the printed proceedings has been received, and it proves most acceptable reading.

M. W. Bro. Buck, Grand Master, in his address referred to rulings and decisions made during the year, one of which was regarding the right of officers of subordinate lodges to resign. "Whatever may be said in regard to the minor portions," said Bro. Buck "a Worshipful Master or Warden installed cannot resign to the lodge. It is a question whether it can be done at all, but custom and precedent seem to recognize that the Grand Master may accept such resignation, or authorize the lodge to do so, and elect a successor. I have followed this rule."

The Grand Master said an occurrence had happened which had given him great concern, because he had been unable to determine what to do about it, yet he could not allow it to go by in silence. The W. M. of a lodge, a P. D. D. G. M., reported to the Grand Secretary that on the vote of a brother for the Third Degree, who had passed

a satisfactory examination, the ballot was passed, when two black balls were cast against him. The members, without an exception, insisted that there was some mistake, and demanded a second ballot, which was clear, and the degree was then conferred on the brother. The applicant was a son of the W. M.'s, hence the Grand Master's anxiety. Grand Master Buck, referring to the occurrence, said: "That a most flagrant violation had been committed, both of the written law and of the principles guarding the secrecy and sanctity of the ballot, is self evident. On this score I experienced no embarrassment, and if the offence stood out recklessly as a deliberate and wilful act, without mitigating circumstances, I would have no difficulty in dealing with it. As it is we must make an allowance for the feelings of a father, and it is easy to conceive how great the temptation must have been to yield to the members when they unanimously demanded a second ballot. The brethren were perhaps more guilty than the W. M.; the wrong, legally speaking, was really done when they to a man disclosed substantially their ballots; for when every one insisted on re-ballotting, the natural inference must be that each in fact says he did not cast a black ball.

* * * I have no doubt the parties were influenced by the purest of motives. If allowance is to be made for a father it is no doubt equally true that the brethren in turn were actuated by a desire to soften the terrible blow which seemed to have fallen."

The Grand Master pointed out the necessity of employing an Instructor or Lecturer for country lodges, as the "work" was not properly exemplified. "Perhaps," he said, "the object (improvement in exemplifying the 'work') could be in part attained by modifying our laws or customs in regard to the appointment and duties of the D. D. G. M.'s. As it is, the office is too easily got and too lightly valued.

The Committee on law and jurisprudence considered the secrecy of the ballot question mentioned above, as

they were of opinion some notice should be taken of it by Grand Lodge. Their report contained the following:—"The secrecy of the ballot is indispensable, and its necessity cannot be too often impressed upon the brethren; it is the bounden duty of every Master to frequently call attention to it in his lodge, and to insist upon its importance; it should be taught to every brother upon his attaining the third degree, and before he shall have been called upon to exercise his privilege of voting. The secrecy of the ballot is absolute; not only are we prohibited from endeavouring to ascertain how any of our brethren voted, but we are forbidden to disclose our own vote; no matter which way a brother votes he must not state it, and it is obvious that this must be so, or there would be no secrecy. This matter is so important, so fundamental that it must be admitted that a lodge which tolerates the violation of the secrecy of the ballot is incompetent to hold its charter, and that a master who permits it is unworthy to continue in his office; and it is recommended that it is the sense of this Grand Lodge that should such a case occur again the lodge and its Master shall be disciplined."

Grand Lodge voted \$25 each to the Grand Organist and Grand Chaplain for services rendered while the lodge was in session.

A study of the historical and statistical tables completed by the Grand Secretary is very interesting. The lodges which formed the Grand Lodge of Louisiana were Perfect Union, chartered by G. L. of South Carolina in 1793; Charite, by Pennsylvania, in 1802; Concorde by Pennsylvania in 1810; Perseverance by Pennsylvania in 1810, and Polar Star, by Pennsylvania in 1811, although it was originally organized in 1794. Charite forfeited its charter in 1849, and Concorde was amalgamated with Perfect Union. The Grand Lodge of Louisiana was organized on June 12, 1812, and has had on its roll 238 lodges. Almost one half of that number, or 115 lodges

either surrendered or forfeited their charters, and numerous consolidations are reported.

There are now 103 lodges on the roll, the youngest one having been chartered Feb. 14, 1889. The present membership is 3,891; initiations, during the year, 170; passings, 152; raisings, 150; affiliations, 90; reinstatements, 51; dismissions, 81; deaths, 94; suspensions, 98; dropped, 16; expulsions, 10. Only two lodges in the jurisdiction have a membership reaching three figures, Perfect Union, New Orleans with 255, and Caddo of Cheeverport with 105. Twenty-one lodges have less than a score of members, and two have ten each.

Among the assets of Grand Lodge are the following:—

Grand Lodge Hall	\$46,509
Masonic Temple	51,976
Polar Star Hall.	9,047
Furniture and Fixtures,	5,500
Masonic Cemetery,	10,138
Grand Lodge Library,	7,851

Before closing a review of the proceedings it would be unfair to Bro. J. L. A. Fellows, chairman of the Committee on Foreign correspondence, to omit mention of his valuable compilation from reports of sister Grand Lodges. The mode adopted by Bro. Fellows of grouping leading subjects, and giving extracts from other reports on them, makes his work most valuable, and at the same time very convenient for reference. Bro. Fellows certainly spared himself no trouble in his labours, and is undoubtedly entitled to praise for the way he performed them. Some of his comments on live subjects will be referred to in subsequent issues.

Charles F. Buck, New Orleans, is Grand Master, and J. C. Batchelor, M.D., New Orleans, Grand Secretary.

BETWEEN THE PILLARS.

The past month has been a quiet one, Masonically, in the city. There has been very little doing in the Craft with-

the exception of initiating candidates. After all, this is the most important feature in Masonry; for where there are many initiations it is a sign that the Craft is prospering.

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But, speaking of initiations, I would just like to say a word about the conferring of degrees. When a candidate pays his fees in the jurisdiction he is entitled to the three degrees, of Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft, and Master Mason. In many lodges, I am sorry to say, once a candidate is initiated he experiences considerable difficulty in getting his degrees. Meeting night after meeting night is passed over and he is put off with, "Oh, wait until next night, it's so late, and there is so much to do." He waits and waits, and then bye and bye his ardour cools, and by the time he has the Sublime Degree, if he ever gets it, he has the impression that the work of Masonry is a bore.

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But there is something more than that. A candidate for the Sublime Degree is generally chaffed by the Master Masons, and receives the impression that instead of a beautiful sublime ceremony, he has to pass through an ordeal much similar to being run through a threshing machine, and between fear and the dilatory conduct of the Master he keeps putting off the evil day, and very often never gets his degrees at all. Enlightening a brother in the mysteries should be a labor of love, not a half performed task.

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Several prominent members of the Craft, in the city, are talking of organizing a lodge of the Order of the Eastern Star, and thus to a certain extent popularizing Masonry among the ladies. Many good wives and mothers are down on the Craft because they do not understand its principles. The Order of the Eastern Star is a Masonic off-shoot

wherein women are admitted. It has met with considerable success in the United States, and it should certainly prosper in Toronto, which is acknowledged to hold the palm with regard to good looking and sensible women.

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The other day I met a brother from Montreal. In the course of a brief conversation on Masonic matters generally he informed me that the French Canadian lodge in that city is growing very rapidly at present, many of the cleverest men in the city becoming members. He thinks that the denunciations of the French Canadian clergy have helped Masonry in Quebec more than anything else.

He showed me a prospectus just issued by the Masonic Temple Company. This company purpose erecting a temple in the city of Montreal at a cost of at least \$100,000. The stock has been fixed at this amount, divided into \$10 shares, payable in five years. It is expected that the building will pay a dividend of 8 per cent. per annum. It is too bad that the Toronto brethren never see fit to start the ball rolling in this direction.

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There was a very pleasant gathering at the last meeting of Ionic Lodge. The occasion was noteworthy from the fact that R. W. Bro. Kivas Tully was present and was made a life member of the lodge. W. M. Mirson presided with his customary grace, and happy speeches were in order after high twelve.

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Lieut.-Col. Wayling, D.D.G.M., visited Zeta Lodge at its last regular communication. The attendance was very large. In the course of the evening the tyler, Bro. J. C. Pinder, was presented on behalf of the Lodge, Chapter and Perceptory with a gold Maltese cross bearing a suitable inscription.

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Bro. Jno. Butler, who has been a very active member of Stevenson Lodge, has gone to New York, where he in-

tends to make his home. The brethren of Gotham will find him a desirable acquaintance.

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The business of the Grand Chapter of New Brunswick, which met recently in St. John, was transacted in two hours. It is quite apparent there are no Grand Jewsmiths connected with the Chapter.

COSMOS.

THE GRAND MASTER AT HAMILTON.

On the evening of April 29th, M. W. Bro. R. T. Walkem, Q. C., Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, visited Hamilton, and was welcomed by the local lodges and representative brethren from various parts of the district. By previous arrangement the six Hamilton lodges prepared to receive Bro. Walkem in a manner fitting to the eminent position he occupies. Over 300 members were present; among the distinguished brethren and visitors were the following: R. Bull, P.D.D.G.M.; Charles Magill, P.D.D.G.M.; Wm. Forbes, P.G.J.W., Grimsby; J. A. Orton, St. Thomas; Geo. W. Brent, Seaforth; W. D. Herald, R. V. Somerville, and F. A. Latshaw, Dundas; Gavin Stewart, P.D.D.G.M.; J. Stewart, St. Thomas; Fred C. Martin, P.G.R., Woodstock; E. Mitchell, Grand Treasurer; Hugh Murray, P.G.M.; J. M. Gibson, P.D.D.G.M.; L. Secord, P.M., Brantford; Fred Clarke, P.S.W., Wilson; F. Emory, London.

The district lodge convened with R. W. Bro. Dr. Freeman, D.D.G.M., in the east, and the worshipful masters of the city lodges in the other positions.

The Grand Master was introduced by R. W. Bro. Col. McGill, V. W. Bros. C. R. Smith and F. A. Latshaw, and was received by the D.D.G.M. with a brief but graceful and appropriate address. In reply Bro. Walkem spoke at some length, complimenting the

district officers and giving excellent advice to the fraternity.

An adjournment was then made to the banquetting hall, where M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray took the chair, and a very enjoyable evening was spent.

During the evening songs were contributed by Bros. Jas. Johnston, C. W. Mulligan, Ed. Rosenstadt, A. D. Stewart, W. C. Mulligan, K. Bethune, W. H. Davis, T. Davis and a number of others.

THE GRAND MASTER AT LONDON.

The right royal reception given Grand Master Walkem on the 2nd of May, by the brethren of London and vicinity, was all that could be desired. This was the Grand Master's first official visit to the Western section of the jurisdiction, and it was marked by an enthusiasm and good feeling for which London craftsmen are famed the Province over. Fully 200 brethren were in attendance, amongst whom were representatives from the following lodges: Belmont, Doric, King Hiram, Ailsa Craig, Port Burwell, Moffatt, Tudor, Norfolk, Nilestown, Henderson, Waverly, Morning Star 309, Salem, Barton (Hamilton), Prince Rupert's (Winnipeg), Charity Lodge, St. Joseph, Mo., Oriental, Newark, N. J., and all the city and suburban lodges. W. Bro. John Fairgrieve wielded the gavel as Master of St. John's lodge, No. 20, and in a neat address welcomed the Grand Master to London.

Bro. Walkem replied in felicitous terms, mainly devoted to Masonic family matters, such as the desirability of making the meetings as interesting as possible by means of lectures on Craft matters, discussions upon points where a difference of opinion exists, and other schemes calculated to instruct and benefit brethren generally. The lodge was then called off, and an opportunity given the brethren to become acquainted with Bro. Walkem. At ten

o'clock an adjournment was made to the Banqueting Hall. Past Grand Master Moffat presided, and had as assistants W. Bros. C. Fisher, of Tuscan; H. C. Simpson, of Corinthian, and J. M. Learn, of Union Lodges. On the right of the Chairman sat the Grand Master, R. W. Bros. A. W. Porte, John Simpson, W. Bro. R. Barker and others; and on his left were noticeable R. W. Bros. Boyd (Belmont), J. C. Hegler (Ingersoll), W. Bro. Dr. Dickson (Ingersoll), W. Skinner, John Fairgrieve, J. S. Dewar and others of the city lodges.

The Chairman, after the "Queen and the Craft" had been honored, proposed "The Grand Lodge of Canada and the Grand Master," referring to the good fortune of the Craft in securing such a model Grand Master as the guest of the evening. He was sure they all earnestly trusted that in the matter of the Quebec lodges the Grand Master would be able to score that success which has invariably attended him throughout his honorable Masonic career.

The reception accorded Bro. Walkem was at once enthusiastic and whole-souled. He spoke of the great honor and responsibility attached to the position to which he had been elected in July last, and hoped to be able at the end of his term of office to hand over the gavel of authority to his successor unsullied. He alluded to the unhappy state of affairs between the Grand Lodges of England and Quebec, and to the fact that the latter body had accepted his mediation, in order, if possible to settle the dispute. He purposed visiting England shortly after the session of Grand Lodge, and would do all that lay in his power to bring order out of chaos. In referring to the great strides made by Craft Masonry during the past 150 years, the Grand Master demonstrated that liberty and Masonry were helpmeets, and had assisted in the work of civilization and the extension of pure moral teachings to a very large extent throughout Europe and America. Wherever Masonry flourished there

liberty of thought and action would be found the prevailing form of government. He gave statistics to show the great advance numerically made by Masonry throughout the civilized world, and concluded by asking the brethren within the hearing of his voice to adhere to the precepts inculcated and the principles taught by both outwardly and inwardly, and thus prove to the world that Free and Accepted Masonry was not a mere empty name but a reality, and that its members were law-abiding and loyal men, banded together to further each other's interests and the welfare of the human race as a whole. R. W. Bros. Porte, Hegler and Simpson, also made timely responses.

The other toasts were "The D. D. G. M., of London District," to which Bro. Boyd replied in felicitous terms; "the Visiting Brethren," which elicited quite a few speeches from Bros. Dr. Hodge and others; "the Chairman and Committee," and volunteer toasts, songs and recitations were given by Bros. C. W. Davis, Dickson and Crawford, and the proceedings closed with the National Anthem and "Auld Lang Syne."

THE GRAND MASTER AT BELLEVILLE.

The new lodge rooms of Salem, No. 368, Belleville, were formally opened on the 20th May. The rooms are situated in the new Tompkins' block, and occupy the whole upper flat of that building. Every modern convenience imaginable has been brought to bear in their construction, and they are, as Grand Master Walkem stated, second to none in the Dominion of Canada. After putting forth an effort to secure these beautifully appointed rooms and furnishing them in a manner consistent with their otherwise magnificent proportions, it was deemed wise by the brethren to tender an invitation to Grand Master Walkem to be present and perform the dedication ceremony.

Invitations had been issued to all the lodges in the district to be present, and how well they responded may be gathered from the fact that twenty were represented. The ceremony of consecration and dedication being duly performed, the Most Worshipful Grand Master Walkem and Rt. Worshipful Bro Morris, D. D. G. M., delivered short addresses to the brethren, after which the Grand Lodge withdrew. Salem lodge then closed and the brethren adjourned to the Central Hotel.

The spacious dining rooms of the Central were never more beautifully decorated than they were on the occasion of the banquet. Across the northern end was the main table at which sat the distinguished guests of the evening and other prominent members of the fraternity. Upon this, with a long table in the centre reaching the full length of the hall and two shorter ones on either side, were laid covers for over one hundred. In the centre of the room was suspended the universal symbol of Masonry, the square and compass, and all the other decorations were appropriate to the occasion. Great as the accommodation was, it was not sufficient to provide for at one sitting the larger number of visiting brethren present.

Ample justice having been done to the good things provided, W. Bro. Broderick, Master of Salem Lodge, presiding, proposed the usual loyal and patriotic toasts, which were enthusiastically honored. He then proposed the health of the Grand Master, which was honored with a three times three.

On rising to respond, Grand Master Walkem thanked the brethren for the cordial manner in which the toast had been received, and for the complimentary remarks regarding himself, which had been made by the chairman. In his position as Grand Master, he had endeavored to discharge to the best of his ability, the arduous duties of the office. He had received the hearty and loyal support of the fraternity in discharging his numerous obligations, and for this he was truly grateful. He then

briefly referred to the growth of Masonry from early in the eighteenth century up to the present time. In two hundred years, the order had attained to a position to which any person might be proud. It had spread over Great Britain and Ireland, the continent of Europe, had crossed the Atlantic and American continent, that now one in every sixty of the population of the United States, and one in every hundred of the people of Canada belonged to it. Since 1855, the number of lodges in Ontario has increased from forty-two to three hundred and fifty-five. The membership was fully 20,000. He then alluded to the visits he had made to different parts of the Dominion during the period of his incumbency in the grand mastership. In British Columbia he had been accorded a most hearty reception and in Montreal a similar welcome awaited him as the representative of Masonry in Ontario. While in Montreal he had been intrusted with the onerous duty of trying to bring to an end the difficulties that had long existed between the Grand Lodge of Quebec and the Grand Lodge of England. This he hoped to be able to accomplish satisfactorily, but it would take time and patience in order to bring it about. It was in his opinion an honor to the fraternity in Ontario to have their Grand Master chosen for this particular and difficult work. He hoped to succeed in his efforts and if he failed, it would be no fault of his. He then closed his remarks by paying a high compliment to Salem Lodge on the fine rooms which had just been dedicated, and thanking the brethren for the hearty manner in which the toast had been drunk.

"The Grand Lodge of Canada" was next proposed and appropriately responded to by D.D.G. Masters Morris and Taylor, and R. W. Bro. Hendry.

Toasts then followed in quick succession. "The Craft throughout the world" was heartily received, following which came "Canada, our home" to which Bro. Dr. V. H. Moore responded in a speech brimful of loyalty and de-

votion to the British crown and to the Masonic fraternity.

The Grand Master proposed the health of the chairman, W. Bro. P. W. D. Broderick, and in doing so paid him a high compliment for his devotion to Masonry, as evidenced by the fact that he came all the way from London to be present at the dedication of the new room of Salem Lodge. The toast was enthusiastically honored, and was responded to by W. Bro. Broderick in an excellent speech.

"The Mayor and Corporation" was next proposed and responded to in fitting terms by Rt. W. Bro. D. Derbyshire. Next came the toast "Our Visiting Brethren" which brought to their feet W. Bros. Kennedy, Perth; Sparham and Riddle, of Sussex No. 5, Brockville; Chapman, North Augusta; and Bro. J. Fulford, of Merrickville Lodge.

The toast of "The Ladies" was proposed and duly responded to by Bros. M. M. Brown and G. A. Allan.

During the evening the proceedings were very much enlivened by songs from Bros. A. W. Broderick, J. R. Wright and J. McKee.

THE GRAND Z. AT HAMILTON.

The regular convocation of St. John's Chapter, No. 6, Hamilton, was a red-letter day in the experience of this old and popular chapter. A very large number of the members were present on May 9th to welcome the Council of the Grand Chapter of Canada—viz., M. Ex. Comp. R. B. Hungerford, London, G. Z.; R. Ex. Comp. J. J. Mason, Hamilton, G. H.; R. Ex. Comp. J. E. Harding, Stratford, G. J., on their official visit to this chapter. There were also present: M. Walsh, Ingersoll, G. Supt. of Wilson District; Comp. Howell, of Brantford, and R. E. Comps. David McLellan, Grand S. E.; Hugh Murray, Wm. Reid, W. G. Reid, Donald McPhee, Gavin Stewart, C. W. Mulligan, John Malloy; Ex. Comps. Thomas Irwin, Alex. Smith, W. H. Ballard, E. Louns-

bury; Comps. Jas. Robertson, Thos. Lees, Wm. Bowman, David Dexter, R. L. Gunn, Jas. Johnson, W. A. Howell, W. J. Grant, A. Rutherford, Wm. Noble, H. Wilson, A. Poulter, W. R. Job, J. S. Greenhill, J. A. Herring, P. D. Carse, W. H. Davis, J. Steadman, Thomas McCallum, W. J. McAllister, —Crawford, John Burns, James Hopkins, G. E. Heming, Thos. Clappison, Wm. Tocher and others. The chapter was presided over by R. Ex. Comp. Edward Mitchell; Ex. Comps. W. F. Miller and their efficient staff of officers, conferred the Sublime Degree of the Holy Royal Arch of Jerusalem upon six prominent Masons of this city. After the close of the chapter the comps retired to the banquet hall, where R. Ex. Comp. Edward Mitchell presided, having on his right M. E. Comp. R. B. Hungerford, Grand Z.; R. Ex. Comps. J. J. Mason, C. W. Mulligan, Gavin Stewart, R. Brierley and John Malloy; on his left, R. E. Comp. John G. Harding, Grand S.; R. E. Comp. David McLellan, Grand Scribe E.; R. E. Comps. M. Walsh, Ingersoll, Grand Supt. Wilson District; Donald McPhie, Hugh Murray, W. G. Reid, Wm. Reid.

The first toast was "The Queen and Craft." Song—"God save the Queen." led by Pro. Jas. Johnson.

"M. Ex. Grand Z. and Grand Council of the Grand Chapter of Canada," replied to by M. Ex. Comp. R. B. Hungerford, London, Grand Z.; R. Ex. Comp. J. J. Mason, Grand H., and R. Ex. Comp. John E. Harding, Grand J., spoke of the kind way in which they were received and the eminently satisfactory manner in which the beautiful degree was conferred this evening, reflecting the greatest credit upon the officers of St. John's Chapter. Song—Prof. Jas. Johnson, "The Eglantine."

"Officers of Grand Chapter and Members of the Executive Committee of Grand Chapter." Song, R. Ex. Comp. C. W. Mulligan, "Our Sally." R. Ex. Comp. David McLellan, G.S.E., replied, stating that the Grand Chapter is in very good condition, four dispensations having been issued during the

past year in Brockville, Vancouver, Portage la Prairie and Trenton. The members on the roll of Grand Chapter number upwards of 3,500; assets, over \$10,000. R. Ex. Comp. M. Walsh, of Ingersoll, and R. Ex. Comp. Hugh Murray replied in a happy and felicitous manner, Comp. Lowell, of Brantford, replied for Mount Horeb Chapter No. 20, of that city, stating that that chapter is in a good healthy state, and he extended a cordial invitation to all present to attend a meeting in Brantford on the 20th inst.

Song—Bro. W. H. Davis, "Good Bye, Sweetheart, Good Bye."

"Newly Initiated Candidates," Replied to by Comp. R. A. Hutchison.

Toast proposed by M. E. Comp. R. B. Hungerford, Grand Z.: "Officers and Members of St. John's Chapter, No. 6."

Bros. W. F. Miller and John Moodie replied on behalf of St. John's Chapter. Bro. Harry Wilson also replied in a very happy manner.

"Auld Lang Syne" and "God Save the Queen."

ROYAL ARCH VISITATION.

On May 20, Comps. Edward Mitchell, Donald McPhie, David McLellan, John Moodie and W. J. McAllister left Hamilton for Brantford, where they were joined by Comp. M. Walsh, Grand Supt. of the Wilson District, where they officially visited Mount Horeb Chapter, No. 20, a special convocation having been convened to receive the Grand Supt. and visitors, who assisted in conferring the Supreme Degree of the Holy Royal Arch on five prominent brethren and citizens of Brantford. After the close of the chapter the Comps. repaired to the banquet room, where the Rev. R. Ashton presided, having on his right Comps. M. Walsh, Donald McPhie, David McLellan, Wm. Watt, jun. On his left Comps. E. Mitchell, John Moodie, W. J. McAllister and Mayor

C. B. Heyd. "The Queen and the Craft" was proposed. Song "God Save the Queen." "Grand Chapter of Canada." "For They Are All Jolly Good Fellows." Comps. M. Walsh, David McLellan and E. Mitchell, responded on behalf of the Grand Chapter, thanking the Comps. for their kindness in proposing the toast in such a happy way. Comps. D. McPhie, John Moodie and W. J. McAllister also replied. Comp. Hart, song, "Warrior Bold." Comp. Mitchell proposed the health of the officers of Mount Horeb Chapter, No 20. Replied to by Comps. Rev. R. Ashton, C. V. Howell, W. Watt, jr., Mayor C. B. Heyd. Song, Comp. Hart, "Rule Britannia." The social meeting was brought to a close about midnight by the company singing "Auld Lang Syne" and "God Save the Queen."

A. W. Porte, 32°, ex-G. Treas.; P. Pr. A. O. Jeffery, 18°, ex-G. Sec., Frank W. Lilley, 18°, ex-G. M. of C.; F. J. Hood, 18°, G. Tyler; Alex Irvine, 18°, G. Expert; Bros. A. E. Cooper, Asst.-G. Expert; J. Siddons, 14°, G.C. of H.; T. Brock, 14°, and J. C. Hegler, 14° Stewards.—*London Free Press.*

BRO. JOHN BRYANT.

On Monday afternoon, the 13th ult., the funeral of Mr. John Bryant, an old and much respected member of King Solomon Lodge, took place at Mount Pleasant cemetery. The deceased was a well known cattle dealer of this city and a large number of business and personal friends assembled to pay the last sad marks of respect to one who was justly much esteemed by all who knew him. The service was conducted by Rev. Dr. Wilson, ably assisted by Worshipful Master J. Reeve, as Mr. Bryant was interred with full Masonic rites. Messrs. Walker and Hodgson, with several other gentlemen, attended from the Western Cattle Market, and the following officers and members of King Solomon Lodge were present in their official capacities:—Worshipful Master J. Reeve, supported by Bros. W. H. Scott, Frank Smith, Thomas Langton, S. Hollingsworth, Wilbur Grant, William Cook, R. Malcolm, H. H. Wiltshire, John Graham, John H. Pritchard, Robt. Higgins, E. McKenna, Thomas Thompson, John Hill, Thomas Black, and Fred Brown. Among the best known Masonic friends of the deceased, not members of King Solomon Lodge, were:—Alderman and Past-Master Verrall, F. P. Gessin, chaplain of St. George's Lodge, John H. Warren, and some others. The service both at the house of the deceased and at the cemetery was very impressive. And we were also glad to see the members of King Solomon Lodge mustered in good force, and that in this instance a sparse attendance of brethren did not cause the Masonic rites to appear dishonored in their observance.

SCOTTISH RITE IN LONDON.

The inauguration of London Lodge of Perfection 14°, under the warrant of the Supreme Council of the A. & A. S. Rite, took place at the Masonic Temple last night, May 3rd, a fair representation of members being on hand. Under the former arrangement, the Lodge of Perfection was a subsidiary body of the Rose Croix Chapter. Last fall, at the request of the Supreme Council, the powers held by the Chapter in respect of the Lodge of Perfection were surrendered, and a warrant was issued in February last, all the members of the Rose Croix Chapter being named as charter members, P. P. J. D. Sharman, 18°, presided. After the preliminaries had been finally settled and agreed upon, the following officers were named for the current year:—P. Pr. J. D. Sharman, 18°, T. P. G. M.; John Callard, 18°, ex-G. S. W.; H. C. Simpson, 18°, ex-G. J. W.; J. S. Dewar, 18°, ex-G. Orator; Isaiah Danks, 18°, ex-G. Almoner; Ill. Bro.

A MASONIC HERO.

Capt. Murrell, of the steamship Missouri, was, on May 2nd, presented with a gold medal by the Grand Lodge of Masons of Maryland in further recognition of his services in rescuing the passengers of the steamship Denmark. Capt. Murrell is a Mason and as soon as that fact was learned the Grand Lodge called a special meeting to prepare some honor for him. He was escorted to the Masonic Temple in Baltimore by Past Grand Master John M. Carter. The Grand Lodge officers and about 200 prominent members assembled in the grand hall. Grand Master Thos. J. Shryock welcomed Capt. Murrell as a brother and eulogized his gallantry. In the name of the Grand Lodge the Grand Master presented Capt. Murrell with the Masonic medal. Capt. Murrell is a first degree member of Fidelity lodge, of Leeds, England. This degree does not make him a full privileged member with the right to vote in the lodge. Capt. Murrell will take back to England an application from the Grand Lodge of Maryland to the Grand Lodge of England, requesting permission to confer upon him the other degrees as a member of some lodge in Baltimore, which he will probably enter upon his return to Baltimore from his next voyage. Upon the conclusion of Grand Master Shryock's remarks Capt. Murrell responded giving a full description of his rescue of the Denmark's people. A banquet closed the ceremonies of the night. Capt. Murrell, it was stated, is the first person not a high degree Mason who was ever received in the Grand Lodge of Maryland.

DELIVERED FROM DEBT.

Songs and prayers of thanksgiving echoed throughout New York State on April 24, the occasion being the deliverance from debt of the brethren of the state. The debt existed for fifty

years, and was in connection with the Masonic Hall and Asylum fund. In New York alone there are 20,000 craftsmen who, one and all, gave thanks to the Great Architect for His infinite goodness, and in Brooklyn 5,000 Masons joined in the jubilee ceremonies. Throughout the State over 75,000 Masons took part in the jubilee ceremonies. A handsome commemorative bronze medal was struck for the occasion. This medal is two and one-half inches in diameter, suitably inscribed and engraved, and is enclosed in a rich, plush-lined morocco case.

At the Masonic Temple, Twenty-third street and Sixth avenue, New York, from ten to twelve thousand Masons thronged the many lodge rooms. The Grand Lodge room, together with all the other lodge rooms in the Temple, was tastefully decorated with flags and Masonic banners. On the wall above the Grand Master's chair was a full length oil painting of George Washington. Seats for about a hundred Masons of high degree were placed upon the platform. About twelve hundred Masons assembled in this room. The shape the jubilee took in the Temple was of a musical character, interspersed with speeches by Grand Master Lawrence, Grand Chaplain Rev. Robert Collyer, and others. A large black marble tablet at the head of the grand staircase, commemorating the release of the fraternity from debt, was unveiled yesterday. The tablet bears in gilt letters, deeply cut, the main facts in connection with the extinction of the great debt and the names of the grand officers for 1888-1889.

The Masons of Brooklyn held their jubilee celebration in the First Baptist Church, corner of Pierrepont and Clinton streets, Brooklyn. On the platform were seated the leading dignitaries of the order in the Third Masonic district, who were robed in full regalia. The singing was by the Euphoine and St. Cecile quartets, and was under the direction of Mr. Albert R. Caswell.

The services consisted of prayer by

the Rev. A. J. Canfield, of the Church of Our Father; a congratulatory letter from M. W. Frank R. Lawrence, Grand Master, was read by R. W. Theodore A. Taylor; short addresses were made by Bros. Rev. Dr. Warren C. Hubbard, Rev. Dr. Charles H. Hall. R. W. Marion Grimes, D. D. G. M., presided at the jubilee.

At more than seven hundred altars the brethren of the state poured forth their praises over the exodus from debt so ably led by the modern Moses, Grand Master Lawrence.

SUPREME GRAND R. A. CHAPTER OF ENGLAND.

The Quarterly Convocation was held on May 1st at Freemasons' Hall, London. There was a full attendance. Comp. Lieut.-Colonel Robert Townley Caldwell, M.A., Grand Superintendent of Cambridge, presided as M. E. Z. After the reading and confirmation of the minutes of the February Convocation, Col. Townley Caldwell declared H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M. E. Z., the Right Hon. the Earl of Carvannon, M.E., Pro. Z., the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom H., and the Right Hon. Lord Leigh J. The following companions to hold office for the year :

Comp. Col. Shadwell H. Clarke, S. E.; Sir R. N. Fowler, Bart, M. P., S. N.; Robert Grey, Pre. of Committee of G. P.; Edward O'Connor Terry, Treasurer; F. A. Philbrick, Q. C., Registrar.

The report of the Committee of General purposes was taken as read, and ordered to be received and entered on the minutes. Comp. Robert Grey moved—"That as a consequence of the formation and recognition of a Grand Lodge of New South Wales, there are no longer English Craft Lodges in that Colony to which the Chapters meeting in New South Wales can be attached, as required by article 45, Royal Arch Regulations, the charters of the Chapters Nos. 890, 547, 817, 1,653, 1,654, 1,762, 1,795, 1,898 and 1,943 be withdrawn and cancelled, and that the

Chapters be erased from the Register of Grand Chapter." This was seconded, and after some little discussion, agreed to.

R. A. MASONS AND K.T.'S IN THE U. S.

From tables prepared by Bro. W. H. Mayo, Grand Secretary, etc., of Grand Chapter, Grand Council and Grand Commandery of Missouri, we learn that there are 146,414 affiliated Royal Arch Masons in the United States.

Number exalted during the year,	9,873
Number admitted and reinstated,	2,277
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	12,150
Number died and demitted,	4,922
Number expelled, suspended and dropped	2,859
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	7,831
Net increase	<hr/> 4,319

Amount in the treasury over	\$150,000
Of Knights Templars there are	77,089
Knighted.....	5,493
Admitted and reinstated.....	1,185
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	6,678
Died and demitted.	2,627
Suspended and expelled... ..	1,256
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	3,883
Net increase	<hr/> 2,795

Amount in treasury about \$85,000.

A GRAND LODGE FOR NEW ZEALAND.

From the New Zealand *Masonic Journal* of April 1st we gather the following particulars regarding the movement to form a Grand Lodge in New Zealand:—A meeting of the Craft was held at Dunedin on March 31st, to consider the desirability of having a Grand Lodge for New Zealand. The

meeting was largely attended, and there were Masons present representing different lodges from Oamaru to Invercargill.

On motion, Bro. Sydney James, the senior Past Master, was called upon to preside. The chairman introduced the subject for discussion without giving an opinion on it, but citing Masonic authorities to show that there was no disloyalty to their Grand Lodges in the free discussion of this matter.

Bro. Dr. Fitchett moved—"That in the opinion of this meeting it is desirable that a Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of New Zealand be formed, and that immediate steps be taken to that end." He referred in justification of the motion to the success that had attended similar lodges in Victoria, South Australia, and New South Wales, and urged that upon financial grounds, and also as likely to foster the spirit of unity that should pervade Masonry, the step would be advisable here.

Bro. A. Burton supported the resolution in an eloquent and vigorous speech, in the course of which he maintained that great advantages would accrue from the adoption of the proposal now made.

Bro. Dr. Fitchett's motion was carried, only four hands being held up against it.

The following resolution was then adopted without dissent:—"That the brethren present now undertake to use their best efforts to carry out the first resolution, and hereby form themselves into a Masonic Union for that purpose, with power to add to their number."

There are now 150 lodges in New Zealand, of which 86 are under the E.C., 15 under the I.C., and 49 under the S.C.

A POPE EXPELLED.

The following which appeared in the *Voice of Masonry* some years ago, was kindly sent us by a brother for republication, for the benefit of those who

may never have heard of the occurrence or were not acquainted with the fact that Pope Pius IX. was, at one time a member of the craft:—

"At the semi-annual meeting of the Grand Lodge of Masons, Scottish Rite of the Orient of Palermo, Italy, on the 27th March last, Pope Pius IX. was expelled from the Order. The decree of expulsion was published in the official Masonic paper at Cologne, Germany, and as preceded by the minutes of the lodge in which he was initiated, and is as follows:—

"A man named Mastai Ferretti, who received the baptism of Freemasonry, and solemnly pledged his love and fellowship, and who afterwards was crowned Pope and King, under the title of Pio Nono, has now cursed his former brethren, and excommunicated all Members of the Order of Freemasons. Therefore, said Mastai Ferretti is herewith, by the decree of the Grand Lodge of the Orient, Palermo, expelled from the Order for perjury."

"The charges against him were first preferred in his lodge at Palermo, in 1865, and notification and copy thereof sent to him, with a request to attend the lodge for the purpose of answering the same. To this he made no reply, and, for divers reasons, the charges were not pressed until he urged the bishops of Brazil to act aggressively against the Freemasons. They then were pressed, and, after a regular trial, a decree of expulsion was entered and published, the same being signed by Victor Immanuel, King of Italy, and Grand Master of the Orient of Italy."

On May 8th a marble tablet, to the memory of Past Grand Master Seymour, was unveiled in the Masonic Hall, St. Catharines, in the presence of a large assemblage of the Craft.

W. Bro. A. J. Brewster, of New Hope Lodge, No. 279, Hespeler, was the recipient of a Past Master's jewel and address from his brethren the other evening on the occasion of removing to Glenmorris.

Grand Lodge of A. B.

ANNUAL COMMUNICATION.

. Most Worshipful Grand Master Mc-Nichol opened the 22nd annual communication of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick in St. John, on Tuesday, 23rd April, in the presence of about fifty members of the Craft.

In opening his address the Grand Master said he desired to call their attention to a matter that has been referred to by previous Grand Masters. He referred to the desirability of Grand Lodge making arrangements to attend divine service in a body at least once a year.

By reference to the return in the Grand Secretary's office, it is found that there is a gratifying increase in the membership as compared with last year. This is encouraging; he thought that the number of suspensions for non-payment of dues might be materially reduced and the lodge membership retained if the secretaries would endeavor to, as far as possible, make prompt collecting of dues. And when occasion required they might be allowed a little discriminating power in settling with delinquent members. He asked the lodges to give the matter their serious consideration.

After devoting considerable space in his address to the illustrious dead at home and abroad, the Grand Master referred at length to the financial affairs of the Masonic Hall Company. He then alluded to the history of Freemasonry in the province about to be issued, and spoke as follows:—

"I deemed it a duty and it is with pleasure that I call the attention of the Craft to a work entitled "Freemasonry in New Brunswick," about to be published by M. W. Brother William F. Bunting. P. G. M. Brother Bunting in the prospectus of his work states that the need of a compilation embracing the past and present of Freemasonry in New Brunswick has long been felt by the Craft. The great mass

of the brethren of the present day have had few facilities for gaining information of the lodges and other Masonic bodies instituted in New Brunswick in the latter part of the last century and the early portion of the present. The object of the intended volume is to supply this want and afford such information. Brother Bunting has spent a large portion of the past six years in gathering his facts and arranging them for publication. The proposed publication will comprise a volume of nearly 500 pages, royal octavo, substantially bound in cloth, and will be illustrated. From the well-known ability of the author to produce such a work, I am confident that it will prove of surpassing interest to the Craft in this jurisdiction. As the cost of publication will be very large—and the risk correspondingly serious—the compiler does not feel warranted in assuming such an expense and risk unless he receives sufficient encouragement to guarantee him against loss. I trust, therefore, that every brother will avail himself of the opportunity to secure a copy.

The Grand Secretary's report showed that the total receipts for the year were \$2,228.10. From the statistics furnished by the Grand Secretary, we glean the following:—

Initiated.....	107
Passed	112
Raised.....	111
Joined	10
Reinstated.....	23
Withdrawn.....	55
Died	20
Total membership, Dec. 27, 1888,	1,880.

The returns show an increase in membership of 47 as compared with the returns of the previous year.

For the information of the Craft there has been prepared the following statement showing the membership each year for the past ten years, together with a similar return made by the Grand Secretary. This statement will show the annual membership of Grand Lodges from its organization:—

	Ldg's.	Mbr's.	
May, 1868, (first return)....	24	1,312	Deputy Grand Master—George M. Jarvis, Moncton.
December, 1868.....	25	1,419	Senior Grand Warden—John D. Short, St. John.
“ 1869.....	26	1,593	Junior Grand Warden—Alexander Eurchill, Fredericton.
“ 1870.....	26	1,751	District Deputy Grand Master No. 1—H. n. G. Hudson Flewwelling, Clifton, King's county.
“ 1871.....	28	1,926	District Deputy Grand Master No. 3—John Benson, M. D., Chatham, Northumberland county.
“ 1872.....	30	2,080	District Deputy Grand Master No. 4—George T. Baird, M. P. P., Perth, Victoria county.
“ 1873.....	30	2,148	District Deputy Grand Master No. 5—George F. Pinder, St. Stephen, Charlott's county.
“ 1874.....	30	2,209	Grand Chaplain—Rev. A. MacDougall, St. John.
“ 1875.....	30	2,246	Grand Treasurer—Henry J. Thorne, St. John.
“ 1876.....	33	2,236	Grand Secretary—Edwin J. Wetmore, Carleton, St. John.
“ 1877.....	33	2,282	
“ 1878.....	34	2,317	
“ 1879.....	34	2,176	
“ 1880.....	33	2,056	
“ 1881.....	32	1,960	
“ 1882.....	32	1,961	
“ 1883.....	32	1,910	
“ 1884.....	32	1,923	
“ 1885.....	32	1,881	
“ 1886.....	32	1,838	
“ 1887.....	32	1,833	
“ 1888.....	32	1,880	

It will be seen in the above statement that there has been a falling off in the membership since 1878. During the years of 1886 and 1887 there was a large decrease in the membership, caused chiefly by lodges not wishing to carry over members who had not been punctual in paying their annual dues, thereby making a saving in Grand Lodge dues. The suspensions were much smaller during the past year. One of the lodges, No. 16, through the exertions largely of their late worthy secretary, restored twelve members; and Lodge No. 26 added eighteen new members to its roll.

Among the business brought before Grand Lodge, was a suggestion that it change its time of meeting from April to September. The Board of General Purposes will deliberate on the matter. Past Master George Todd, of Hiram Lodge, Fredericton, was unanimously elected a permanent member of Grand Lodge, with the honorary rank of Past Junior Grand Warden.

Among the officers elected and installed were the following:—

Grand Master—Thomas Walker, M. D., St. John.

Grand Chapter of A. B.

ANNUAL CONVOCATION.

First Grand Principal Peters opened the second annual convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of New Brunswick, in St. John, on April 24th, with a fair attendance of representatives.

In his address Comp. Peters said:—“ Since our last annual communication we have received official recognition from the Grand Chapter of the Royal Arch Masons of England, welcoming us into the sisterhood of Grand Chapters. From the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia warm words of heartiest congratulations. Month by month the records come from Grand Chapters in the United States with resolutions of approval, greeting and encouragement.” After speaking of the deaths Comp. Peters said: “ The prosperity of our Chapters, the unanimity of our councils, the absence of any questions calling for constitutional discussion or decision, are subjects for congratulation.”

Grand Scribe Robertson's report showed the following work of the year :

Number exalted	18
“ Joined	2
“ Died	5
“ Withdrawn	26
Total membership	386

Two dispensations had been issued during the year.

Among the elected officers were the following :—

FIRST GRAND PRINCIPAL—R. Lester Peters, St. John.

DEPUTY FIRST GRAND PRINCIPAL—James McNichol, St. John.

SECOND GRAND PRINCIPAL—Alex. Burc'ill, Fredericton.

THIRD GRAND PRINCIPAL—Edward Tweedie, Moncton.

GRAND SCRIBE E.—T. Nisbet Robertson, St. John.

GRAND SCRIBE N.—J. T. Whitlock, St. Stephen.

GRAND TREASURER—J. Henry Leonard, Carleton.

All the business of the Chapter was transacted in two hours.

J.W. George A. Mitchell, of Bismarck Lodge, Point Edward, was recently presented with an apron and an address.

Bro. J. C. Worthington, of Mattawa Lodge, died recently at Mattawa. His remains were brought to Toronto for interment.

On May 7th R. W. Bro. Kivas Tully was made an honorary member of Ionic Lodge, Toronto. Bro. Tully is also a member of King Solomon Lodge.

At the May meeting of Orient Lodge, Toronto, four candidates were initiated. W. Bro. Bain and the officers of Rehboam made an official visitation.

P. D. D. G. M. Collins, of Brandon District, Man., was recently the recipient of a P. M.'s jewel from the brethren of Carberry Lodge, Carberry, Man.

Rt. Ex. Comp. Hall, of Peterboro', has been appointed representative of the Grand Chapter of South Carolina, near the Grand Chapter of Canada.

P. M. A. L. McMullen, of Kilwinning Lodge, London, now in British Columbia, has been presented with an illuminated address on the occasion of his removal to Vancouver.

Bro. Sinclair, P.D.D.G.M., St. Clair District, was recently presented with a P.D.D.G.M.'s apron in Petrolea, a large number of the brethren witnessing the pleasing occurrence.

On May 15th a number of Simcoe brethren attended the funeral of Bro. Joseph Stitt, of Charlotteville, at Walsh. Bro. Stitt was an honest, upright, God-fearing man, and consequently a good Mason.

At a recent meeting of Occident Chapter, Toronto, ten Chapters were represented. A couple of candidates were exalted, and it is stated that the work was as near perfection as it is possible to get it.

The following officers were elected in Merrill Lodge, No. 344, Dorchester Station, on May 9th :—Dr. Graham, W.M. ; John Beverly, S.W. ; W. H. Collins, J.W. ; S. Wilson, Chaplain ; Geo. Wade, Treasurer ; E. T. Shaw, Secretary.

Craft Tidings.

CANADIAN.

The Peterborough brethren will visit Toronto this month on an excursion.

A Masonic lodge was instituted at Oak Lake, Man., recently.

Keystone Chapter, U.D., Portage la Prairie, is having a genuine boom.

Assiniboine Lodge and Marquette Lodge, Portage la Prairie, are negotiating for amalgamation.

On May 22nd the corner stone of a new Baptist Church at Laugher was laid with Masonic honors.

Brethren from Seaforth, Wroxeter, and Listowel, visited St. Johns, Brussels, at its last meeting.

P.M. Joseph Marshall, of St. Johns, 20, London, has been presented with a P.M.'s jewel by his brethren.

Bro. John Fisher, P.D.D.G.M., Toronto District, was married recently, and the brethren of York Lodge celebrated the event by making him a valuable presentation, which was a complete surprise to the worthy recipient. A number of Toronto brethren were present.

The rate per capita on the members of city and suburban lodges for the support of the London Masonic Board of Relief for the year has been placed at 20 cents. The sum realized from this will satisfy the demands made upon the Board, and it may not be necessary to enforce the second half yearly levy.

The death occurred recently of Bro. Thos. Lockerty, of Belleville, aged 60 years. Deceased was one of the charter members of Moira Chapter, No. 7, with which he has been connected for upwards of 25 years. He was also a member of Belleville Lodge, No. 123, and Baldwin Preceptory, No. 6.

North Star Lodge, Lethbridge, N.W.T., was recently legally instituted, having received its charter on April 8th, when the officers were installed by Bro. M. H. White. The following are among the officers:—Thomas McPherson, W.M.; R. Niven, S.W.; J. B. Walker, J.W.; F. Champness, Treas.; Alex. Moffat, Sec.

W. Bro. Bain, W.M. of Rehoboam Lodge, Toronto, with his officers, visited King Solomon Lodge at its May meeting. The attendance reminded one of old times, both refreshment tables being filled, and song and speech-making contributing to the entertainment of the brethren. A candidate was balloted for and—accepted!

Bro. John Boyd, of Belmont, D.D. G.M., of London District, has completed the circuit of the lodges in his district, and is to be congratulated on the painstaking work he has done. The territory is one of the largest in the jurisdiction, 29 lodges being within its bounds. Bro. Boyd has paid 33 official visits, to accomplish which he was forced to travel 1,100 miles.

King Solomon Lodge, Toronto, lost three members by death recently. Bro. G. L. Garden died in Winnipeg, but

his remains were brought to King for interment. Bro. Garden was an esteemed member of the Craft, and about two months prior to his death wrote from Winnipeg to the W.M. of King Solomon Lodge, asking that he receive Masonic burial. Bro. John Bryant, an extensive cattle dealer, died in Toronto on May 10th, and was buried with Masonic honors. Bro. B. was an unassuming Mason, and a regular attender of his lodge. Bro. Joseph Purvis, an old member of King Solomon, died on 22nd May, in Toronto, after an eighteen months' illness, brought on by an attack of paralysis. Bro. Purvis was an enthusiastic Mason, and connected with different grades and rites, taking a deep interest in them all. His burial occurred on the 25th, and was largely attended.

The Blue Lodge room in the Masonic Hall, Guelph, has recently been refitted and re-painted, and now presents a beautiful sight. The centre of the ceiling is of blue, with stars of very pale gold leaf, and the moon in silver leaf. A large cornice is enriched in various tints. The main cove is painted in different shades of blue in graduated tints. At the east is a representation of the rising sun in different colored gold leaf. In the west is the representation of a setting sun. At the south is the sun at meridian, while in the north is a representation of the Bible on crimson cushion, with square and compass in gold leaf. The lower cornice, like the upper, is enriched in various tints. The walls are stone color. The wood work is grained in a middle shade of oak. Three large ventilators have been put in the ceiling, which serves to make the air pure at all times, and the compartment healthy. Two large Corinthian columns have also been secured. On the top of these are chapters with lilies and pomegranates, which are surmounted by globes.

UNITED STATES.

The Grand Lodge of New York will meet in its 108th Annual Communication June 4th, at 2 p.m.

The Grand Lodge of Texas has declared that the use of the word "Masonic" for business purposes, or to further private enterprise, is forbidden.

The corner-stone of a magnificent Masonic Temple, to be erected at Denver, Colorado, was laid on the 8th of April. When completed it will be one of the finest temples in this country.

Bro. R. McMillan, of Minneapolis, a former Canadian, has secured the contract to build the Masonic Temple in Duluth. The job is a very large one, and will take upwards of two years to build.

It is probable that Bro. Wilson of the Sov. Sanc. Royal Masonic Rite U.S.A., will soon visit England, Scotland, France, and possibly Ireland, in the interest of the Royal Masonic Rite and other organizations with which he is connected.

W. Bro. Adolphus Andreas was initiated in German Union Lodge in 1819, and will celebrate his 70th Masonic anniversary on June 4th next, the annual session of the Grand Lodge of Maine. Bro. Andreas also enjoys the distinction of having been created a K.T. in company with General LaFayette in 1824, and is therefore the oldest Knight Templar in the U.S.

FOREIGN.

The Guernsey and Alderney Lodges, which are at present independent, will probably be united to Jersey, and so form a Provincial Grand Lodge of the Channel Islands.

The Grand Lodge of England held its Annual Grand Communication on April 24th ult., Bro. Major Goldie Taubman, Provincial Grand Master of the Isle of Man, presiding. Bro. the Prince of Wales was proclaimed Grand Master.

The last Grand Lodge Calendar shows that in Africa (including St. Helena, West Coast, etc.), there are 44 lodges under the Grand Lodge of England not under any D.G.M.; 9 in the Western Division of the Cape Colony; 13 in

Natal; and 26 in the Eastern Division of the Cape.—*South African Freemason.*

Bro. Sir Charles Warren, ex-commissioner of the London Police, and first W.M. of the Lodge of Quatuor Coronati has been appointed Commandant at Singapore. His removal from active participation in the work of the lodge must be regretted by all who have its welfare at heart.—*London Freemason.*

In his capacity of Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales, &c, the Prince of Wales has issued orders that all Mark Lodges meeting during the next three months, and all Mark Masons attending them, shall wear mourning, as a mark of respect to the late Bro. the Rev. G. R. Portal, Past Grand Mark Mason.

A deputation from the Grand Lodge of Scotland, headed by Sir Archibald Campbell, of Blythswood, Bart., M. P. Grand Master of Scotland, met in the lodge room of Lodge St. John, No. 16, for the installation of Bro. Michael Hugh Shaw Stewart, of Carnock, M.P., as Provincial Grand Master of Stirlingshire, in succession to the late Earl of Mar and Kellie.

The difficulties and trial of an editor's position are aptly set forth in the New Zealand *Masonic Journal* for March, where that unhappy functionary has brought down upon himself the wrath of five brethren, officers of a certain lodge, who were present at one of the installations, but whose names were omitted from the *Journal's* report. These brethren have it in their mind to mark their sense of the irreparable wrong they have suffered by withdrawing their subscriptions. Verily, an editor's lot is not a happy one.

It may not be generally known to professional Freemasons that Herr Unthan, the marvellous performer who was born without arms, is one of the craft. At the Paragan, last Saturday week, Bros. Barwick and Eaton put him to the test, and not only did he prove himself a proficient Craftsman,

but he also gave all the grips accurately with his right foot. It would interest and surprise a Masonic brother to see Bro. Unthan give the signs, which he does satisfactorily and clearly, in a manner that is, of course, entirely his own.—*The Era*.

An important movement is on foot in Queensland for establishing a Grand Lodge, as has already been done in other Australasian Colonies. Last month a very numerous attended meeting, consisting of Freemasons of all constitutions, was held, and the question thoroughly considered. This meeting was of an enthusiastic character, and in the end a resolution was adopted almost unanimously, for taking measures to form a Grand Lodge for Queensland. An Executive Committee was appointed to carry out the object of this resolution, and everything was considered tending to bring the endeavor to a successful issue. The Committee consists of half-a-dozen brethren from each Constitution, with power to add to their number.

There is no longer any necessity for our speaking in terms of doubt or hesitation as to the establishment of a United Grand Lodge of Victoria. When we last wrote about this body its position, so far as we were concerned, may be said to have resembled that of Mahomet's coffin, which is fabled to have hung midway between heaven and earth. We knew it had been arranged that the constitution of the Grand Lodge should take place, and Bro. Sir W. J. Clarke, Bart., be installed as Grand Master on certain days in March, which were already past, but we had no knowledge that these events had actually occurred. However, we are now in a position to state that the United Grand Lodge of Victoria was constituted, as proposed, on the 20th March last, and that the day following Bro. Sir W. J. Clarke was installed M.W.G. Master by Bro. Lord Carlington, M. W. G. M. of the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales, assisted by Bro., the hon. Chief Justice

Way, M.W.G.M. of South Australia, in the presence of some 3,000 brethren. A Supreme G. Chapter with Sir W. Clarke as M.E. Grand First Principal, was constituted the same day, and in the evening the double event was celebrated by a grand banquet, at which the newly-installed ruler of Freemasonry in Victoria presided.—*London Freemason*.

NEWSPAPER LAWS.

1.—A Postmaster is required to give notice by Letter (returning a paper does not answer the law), when a subscriber does not take his paper out of the office, and state the reason for its not being taken. Any neglect to do so makes the postmaster responsible to the publisher for payment.

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5.—The courts have decided that refusing to take a newspaper and periodicals from the post office, or removing and leaving them uncalled for, is prima facie evidence of intentional fraud.

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