

Quebec brethren Masonically—if they had been tyrannized over or defamed by their Quebec confreres, there might be the shade of an excuse for their stubborn adherence to a foreign Grand Lodge, which is absolutely begging of them to go in peace. The Grand Lodge of England knows full well that the Grand Lodge of Quebec cannot, consistently with its own dignity, much longer permit this anomalous condition of affairs within her own Masonic territory; and although an edict of non-intercourse might not materially affect the Grand Lodge of England and her subordinates in England, it would virtually isolate and kill her subordinates in Montreal. Who would take degrees in St. Paul, St. George, or St. Lawrence Lodge, if they knew they would not be recognized as Masons by the other lodges in Quebec; and throughout the Dominion and the United States? Besides that, they would not be able to receive the Capitular degrees, or any of the grades of the higher Rites. No man of sense would place himself in such an unpleasant and anomalous position, yet such would actually be the position of those taking degrees in any of these so-called Masonic bodies, once the Grand Master or Grand Lodge of Quebec insisted upon these lodges surrendering their warrants, or uniting with the Grand Lodge of Quebec.

Our English brethren in Montreal should fully consider this subject, and several of their members being men of high standing in the Craft, and holding honored positions in the higher bodies of the Fraternity, they should weigh well the difficulties they are causing within the Masonic fold

in their own native or adopted Province. Is it manly, just, honorable, or Masonic, to cause this contention? They have no objection to sitting with their Quebec brethren in Grand Chapter and subordinate Chapters. They do not hesitate to take part in the proceedings of Great Priory and its Preceptories. They belong to other Rites. Yet, forsooth, they arrogate to themselves a superiority over their brethren in Symbolic Masonry, by declining to unite with them in the Grand Lodge of Quebec, which is acknowledged by the Masonic world to be the supreme Masonic governing body over Symbolic Masonry in that Province. Their position is neither enviable nor tenable, and we trust wiser counsels will prevail than have prevailed heretofore, and that shortly they will see the advisability of ranging themselves under the banner of the Grand Lodge of Quebec. If they do not, disaster and misfortune will surely overtake them.

Editorial Items.

THE Scottish Rite in the neighboring Republic, especially in the North, is getting somewhat mixed. Four Grand Easts, in addition to a colored Grand East, all claiming jurisdiction and declaring themselves legitimate. Folger, the historian *par excellence* of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, claims that the Carnean-Hayes Supreme Grand Council, "always known" as the Supreme Grand Council of the United States of America, is the only legitimate Supreme Grand Council; he is Secretary-General of the same, and we note that that distinguished Mason, R. W. Bro. Wood-