

be more advantageous to the Fraternity if "lawful information" was limited to knowledge gained by sitting in a lodge with a brother. One thing should be borne in mind by our brethren, never vouch for a man unless you identify him at the time you perform the said service, and finally, never examine a stranger for the purpose of vouching for him unless you are requested to do so by the Master of your lodge.—*New Zealand Mail*.

ENGLAND AND QUEBEC.

The "Historical and other Reminiscences," which will be found in another part of this paper, will be read with interest by our numerous readers, especially by those who are familiar with the unfortunate differences between England and Quebec at the present time. Our esteemed correspondent is fully informed as to the origin and history of the craft in Canada, and we hope that his good wishes and desires for a speedy settlement of the existing difficulties will be abundantly realized. There is no doubt that H. R. H. the Duke of Kent had his mind firmly made up to "heal the differences" between the two rival grand lodges in this country; and if His Royal Highness's grandson, our illustrious Grand Master, could bring about a similar union between Quebec and this grand lodge, none would rejoice more than our correspondent and ourselves.

HISTORICAL AND OTHER REMINISCENCES.

In 1793, on the eve of his departure for the mother country, at the close of his benign rule in Quebec as Provincial Grand Master of "The Ancients," H. R. H. the Duke of Kent, father of our beloved Queen, was presented, by what was even then sometimes styled the Grand Lodge at Quebec, with a loyal and fraternal address, in which, among others, those far-seeing craftsmen earnestly besought His Royal Highness that on his return to England he would exert his great influence to bring about a "union" between the antagonistic grand lodges of "Ancients" and "Moderns," so that united craft lodge allegiance, with its manifold blessings, could be enjoyed in Quebec.

How nobly and efficiently His Royal Highness fulfilled his solemn promise thereunto to those fathers of the craft in then Lower Canada, by having been the chief instrument in consummating the

glorious union of 1813, is well known to all good brethren, not only in England, but throughout the Masonic world; and whose good effects will continue for evermore.

It thus appears that from "Quebec" sprung, if not the primal, yet probably the controlling impulse whose happy consummation was the formation of "The United Grand Lodge of Ancient Freemasons of England!" What "return" may England now make therefor?

Nor are other historic incidents in "the line of succession" of the now Grand Lodge of Quebec, to the auspicious Masonic regime in that dependency of H. R. H. the Duke of Kent, and its peculiar relationship to the illustrious fraternal reign in England of H. R. H. the Prince of Wales, devoid of interest and importance.

The first Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, M. W. Bro. John Hamilton Graham, LL.D., in his ninth annual address, 1883, spoke as follows:

"SOME NOTABLE QUEBEC EVENTS."

"Assembled here in grand lodge, we cannot forget that it was in this famous old city of Quebec, where our illustrious R. W. Brother, the Duke of Kent, and father of our beloved Queen, presided over the craft, as Grand Master of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Lower Canada, having been installed June 22, 1792. To make the remembrance of this interesting Masonic event more pleasing, I need but remind the officers and members of this grand lodge, that on the occasion of the happy union of the remaining 'Canada' lodges in our province, with this grand body, there were transmitted to us, through me as the then Grand Master, by the late M. W. Bro. T. D. Harrington, as our proper inheritance, an antique Masonic 'square' of gold, having a 'brilliant' at the angle, and having thereon this inscription: 'The gift of his Royal Highness Prince Edward, the first R. W. Grand Master of Ancient Masons in Canada,' and on the reverse, 'R. W. Grand Lodge, Canada;' and also a large key of fine gold, with 'monogram,' surmounted by a 'crown,' the gift also to that Provincial Grand Lodge of Prince William Henry, the Duke of Clarence, and afterwards William IV. Also the three principal chairs, used at this Communication of Grand Lodge, were the gift, in 1809, of M. W. Bro. the Duke of Sussex.

"And while we so highly prize these precious relics, and while with so great