

bly in July last, correctly and constitutionally answered the unfraternal and bellicose objections and threats of the Great Priory of England and Wales.

And *mirabile dictu* at the same May meeting, the Great Sub-Prior on the Throne, Sir Knight Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, (Gr. Sec. of the U. G. L. of Eng.), whose intolerant and imperious speech at the meeting last December, in favor of the Canada "boycotting" resolutions heretofore published in THE CRAFTSMAN, at the recent meeting remarked on the above report of their Council, that from the terms of a personal letter from the Grand Master of Canada to Sir Knight Emma Holmes, the representative of Canada, to the Great Priory of England and Wales, "he gathered from its terms that there was every probability there would be a happy ending to the unfortunate and unpleasant question that had arisen between the two Great Priorities. He hoped that such would be the case and the Great Priory of England would be ready again to stretch out the right hand of fellowship to their fratres in Canada."

The report of the Council in re "to let the matter remain in abeyance until the Great Priory meeting in December next, was agreed to."

This, compared with their former obnoxious and belligerent action, was a comparatively wise proceeding.

We hope that by next December, a Sovereign Grand Commandery will be duly and constitutionally formed, in and for the colony of Victoria, Australia.

GOVERNMENT.—The government of Masonic Bodies, subordinate and supreme, embodies all the best elements of government ever devised or applied by man. The best governments of the world, are conforming more and more thereto.

GRAND Z'S ADDRESS.

The annual address of M. E. Comp Thos. Sargent, is a brief, plain, business-like document, dealing chiefly with matters of local interest and importance.

His allusions to the "jubilee," the report of his attendance at the triennial convocation of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, his cautious criticism and fidelity in the discharge of his executive duties, his favorable report of the healthy condition of the finances and general well-being of Grand Chapter and the various efforts being put forth to promote the interests of Capitular Masonry in our goodly province of Ontario, will afford much satisfaction to all zealous Royal Arch Masons.

Some disappointment will doubtless be felt because the Grand Z. did not deem it to be his duty officially to report upon the decisive action of the G. G. Chapter, U. S., in withdrawing its recognition of the Grand M. M. Lodge of England, chiefly on account of the "invasion" by the latter of the territorial jurisdiction of our sister Grand Chapter of Quebec. Although it is well known at home that the Grand L. and Grand Chapter of "Canada" in Ontario, are sound on the question of the exclusive territorial sovereignty of Grand Lodges, Grand Chapters, &c., nevertheless, abroad his official silence thereon is liable to be misconstrued by those not fully informed.

In our opinion the words and acts of Canada, (Ont.,) should ever be such as to show unmistakably that she rejoices in the existence and maintenance of Masonic Sovereignities, not only in Quebec but in all the sister provinces of the Dominion, and that she is ever ready in her own and in their behalf to defend and uphold the right of the Craft, to have and to exercise exclusive grand local self-