

home, and especially abroad, to promote the welfare of this Grand Lodge, I now beg to propose that the honorary rank of Past Grand Master be conferred upon R. W. Bro. George Otis Tyler, who is not only eminent as a zealous Craftsman in this jurisdiction, but is Grand Commander of the Order of Knights Templar and of the A. & A. S. Rite of the State of Vermont. It would have afforded me much satisfaction to have asked Grand Lodge to have conferred this honor heretofore but for our late constitutional restriction. It will also be especially pleasing for Grand Lodge to learn that in conferring this honor, it will so happen that the P. G. M.'s regalia of P. G. M. Harrington, would be worthily worn therein by our excellent Bro. Tyler. And while desiring Grand Lodge to confer honorary rank upon but a very few, and those only who have rendered eminent services to the Craft in general, and to this Grand Lodge in particular, there is a venerable and distinguished member of this Grand Body, of world-wide repute as a Knight Templar, and esteemed and beloved by all who know him, and hence, I earnestly request this Grand Lodge also to confer the honorary rank of Past Grand Master on R. W. Bro. Col. W. J. B. MacLeod Moore, the Great Prior of the National Great Priory of Knights Templar of the Dominion of Canada. These two appointments would but fill the vacancies caused by the death, a few years ago, of two honorary Past Grand Masters, residents of the cities of Quebec and Montreal."

Bro. Graham, in referring to the different Rites, suggests "a Grand Council of Rites for the Province of Quebec, and also "an Association of Veterans, consisting of those who have been Master Masons for twenty-one years and upwards." No objection, we think, should be taken to either proposition, especially the former, provided that all branches of Masonry which could prove their le-

gitimacy were permitted to representation in said Council of Rites. We have always held there were too many governing bodies in Canada, and that under one head there would be greater unanimity and prosperity.

The Grand Master recommends the recognition of the Grand Symbolic Lodge of Spain, and also the Grand Lodge of Arizona. He still, we regret to note, adheres to his former position in re "The Grand Lodge of New South Wales," but with pleasure we read that "taking into consideration, what appear to have been the unma-sonic reasons why a majority of the lodges did not participate in the establishment of a new Grand Lodge, it seems to me that the Grand Lodge of Quebec would be justified in extending recognition to it, and in exchanging Grand Representatives therewith, just as soon as a majority of lodges in that colony are enrolled on her registry; and that, moreover, should it further appear that unjustifiable and unmasonic means continue to be, or should hereafter be, taken to prevent this desirable and legitimate consummation, the Grand Lodge of Quebec may then deem it to be her duty to consider what action should be taken by her under such circumstances. In the meantime, let us hope that a peaceful and fraternal solution of their serious difficulties may be speedily attained."

We now come to the "gist" of the address.

QUEBEC AND ENGLAND.

He says:—"In my last annual address I submitted to Grand Lodge my correspondence with the M. W. the Grand Master of England, wherein I sought to maintain the rights of the Grand Lodge of Quebec against the claims of that mother Grand Body to continue to exercise jurisdiction within our territory, and thus on her part virtually denying our right to exercise exclusive Masonic sovereignty within this jurisdiction; and I also therein submitted the proof from her