

means, expedient or otherwise, to obtain all sorts of influence both in England and here, to accomplish their mercenary end of compelling the affiliation to them of the outside lodges.

The admission into membership of their lodges of Masons of bad repute, without producing papers of any kind, and who were suspended from their mother lodges. All these are sufficient explanations why the Grand Lodge of Quebec has not advanced.

"Unity" rejoices in the malicious pleasure of pointing at the three English lodges here as foreign intruders, whilst with his natural falsity he warily conceals the fact that the G. L. of Q. was formed in 1869, and was then illegally constituted by a suspended Past Master.

In contrast to this recent existence of the G. L. of Q., one of the English lodges was constituted in 1770 by the Hon. John Collins, the first Provincial G. M. of Canada, who was appointed to office by the G. M. of England, the Duke of Beaufort, in 1768, within seven or eight years of the British conquest of Canada from France in 1759-60. Since that first Provincial delegation of English Provincial Grand Mastership in Canada, territorially appropriated by England, the Provincial Grand office has been successive and continuous, and has never failed. Another, by Provincial G. M. Hon. Wm. Badgley in 1832, and the third by the same hon. brother in 1854, under warrants of the aforementioned dates, issued under the seal of the Grand Lodge of England, thus showing the continued existence of the lodges from long previous to the formation of the G. L. of Q., which has not yet, and I trust will not be recognized by England until the Tenets of Masons are truthfully demonstrated by the G. L. of Q., in act as well as in deed.

The above will affix its true value to the unwarranted and untruthful aspersions by "Unity" upon the English lodges and upon the Grand Lodge of England, calumniously qualified by "Unity" as foreign intruders upon the sacred soil of Quebec. Why does not the G. L. of Q. act by them as it has acted by the Scotch lodges here? Why not declare both the Grand Lodge of England and its subordinate lodges here clandestine? Simply because the G. L. of Q. is afraid of the consequences; because that self-sufficient body well knows that England will not be trifled with as Scotland was; and is confident that the observations in the speech of F.R.H. the Grand Master at a banquet at the Mansion House a short time ago, will be enforced, to which the attention of "Unity" is specially directed for his benefit, as well as for that of his patrons of the G. L. of Q., who have used his mischievous services in their mercenary behalf.

It would be a blessing if the G. L. of Q., whose plottings "Unity" has lent his tedious and slimy pen to encourage and stimulate, could only be induced to take some decided action in this connection,—to use a vulgar expression, doubtless familiar to "Unity," to "put their feet in it;" the result would be that instead of three English lodges there would be thirty-three. The Quebec Grand Lodge knows this, and its only means to breed trouble and discord is continually under some *nom de plume* like "Unity" propagating erroneous statements which are never noticed on this side of the Atlantic, nor intended to be noticed here, where that G. L. is known and appreciated, but with the hope of catching a vapid notice elsewhere out of Canada.

"Unity" says that want of harmony exists in the English lodges; but he knows that is false, and I challenge him to prove his assertion. He guardedly refrains from stating what he knows, and tries to make the above assertion collectively, instead of individually, where a Quebec Past Master entered an English lodge-room unobserved previous to opening of the lodge for business, and not being able to conduct himself temperately was compelled peremptorily to retire; and to save what little reputation he had left amongst the brethren of his own registry, and fearful of the truth being published, caused false information of the matter to be furnished to a Montreal newspaper.

It would be rare wisdom in "Unity" to be advised to let the English lodges alone. Scribbling is a known failing, from the present Grand Master of Quebec down to his henchman "Unity," to endeavor by correspondence with Masons in England to breed ill-feeling there and discord here by false information; but lately recent revelations have officially opened the eyes of the English lodges here to the baseness and misrepresentations forwarded by officers and members of the G. L. of Q. It is but common and generally admitted justice to say that the English lodges here are first in every good word and work, and it is their pride to say that they do not allow an English Mason to go about from door to door, the same as those from the Grand Lodge of Quebec.

One of the smallest of the English lodges here has expended more in benevolence than the Grand Lodge of Quebec, with its fifty-five lodges, has done since its first appearance; and, content with the performance of their fraternal duty, they claim no merit for the act.

Is "Unity" aware that it is impossible for the present G. L. of Q. to prosper while composed of its present constituent materials? Not long ago one of its Past Masters was robbed in the lodge room, and it would