

wisdom, and experience, whose prudent, fraternal counsel has been of late unheeded, and whose kindly influence has not recently been felt as in other and better days; but the inevitable reaction will come, when the sad effects of an unwise temporizing expediency in the appointment of its officials and in the management of its affairs shall have passed away, and when their many local difficulties shall have been adjudicated and arranged,—then shall the hallowed and benign influence of the fathers of that Grand Lodge be felt anew; then shall Divine peace spread her wings over those now estranged Provinces of Ontario and Quebec, and harmony, prosperity, and brotherly love, will everywhere prevail. And may this be our fervent prayer to Him who can say, "Peace; be still."

DECLARATION OF SUPREMACY.

Having duly confirmed the minutes of the Convention of Lodges that formed this, the Grand Lodge of Quebec, and having solemnly ratified and adopted all acts and proceedings had at its organization, it is now fitting and desirable, and in accordance with the general custom of the Craft under similar circumstances, that this Grand Lodge declare its sovereign independence, and its right to undivided supremacy, and the exclusive Masonic jurisdiction within the Province of Quebec.

MANITOBA.

In this Province, recently admitted into the Dominion of Canada, there may be new Lodges formed by the Grand Lodge of Quebec, or by the Grand Lodge of any other Province in the Dominion, or by the Grand Lodges of England, Scotland, or Ireland. Indeed, new Lodges may be opened therein by any regular Grand Lodge throughout the world; but international Masonic courtesy has in practice limited the granting of dispensations for new Lodges in "unoccupied territory," to the Grand Lodges of those countries with which the newly formed Province, Territory or State is more directly allied politically. And should a petition be made to this Grand Lodge therefor, the Grand Master could have no hesitation in granting a dispensation for a new Lodge in the goodly Province of Manitoba, or in the recently acquired Territory of Hudson Bay; or in the Colonies of Newfoundland, Prince Edward Island, British Columbia, or in other colonies as soon as they may be admitted as Provinces into this Dominion. And this Grand Lodge would retain jurisdiction over