

VERMONT.

The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Vermont convened at the hall of Washington Lodge, No. 3, in the city of Burlington, on the 10th June, 5885, M. : W. : Bro. C. Meacham, Grand Master, in the Grand East.

Our Grand Representative, M. : W. : Bro. Alfred A. Hall, is not recorded as having been present, but looking through the list of those who were, we find the names of a great many of Quebec's warm friends in that jurisdiction, prominent amongst whom were M. : W. : Bro. George O. Tyler, our esteemed Past Grand Master ; William Brinsmaid, Honorary Junior Warden of Quebec ; Bro. Frank W. Baxter, and M. : W. : Bro. Park Davis. Where such as those were present, no doubt but that the interests of this Grand Lodge would be well subserved.

The Grand Master, who presented a thoroughly business-like address, thus referred to matters in this jurisdiction :—

“QUEBEC.

“At the session of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, held in the city of Montreal in January last, that Grand Lodge fully endorsed the proclamation of its Grand Master, issued January 1st, 1885, declaring non-intercourse with the members of the three lodges still existing on the register of the Grand Lodge of England, and working in the city of Montreal, thus continuing to encroach upon the Grand Lodge of Quebec, which the Grand Lodge of Vermont has fully recognized as sovereign within the Province of Quebec, and this, too, after repeated and fraternal remonstrances with the Grand Lodge of England.

“After having declined to enter into negotiations towards a settlement of the difficulties, the Grand Master issued his proclamation declaring non-intercourse with the said lodges.

“I would recommend that the proclamation of the Grand Lodge of Quebec be fully endorsed by this Grand Lodge at the present communication, and wish that the Grand Lodge of Quebec had declared non-intercourse with the Grand Body itself.”

The Grand Lodge accepted the recommendation, and passed the following resolution thereanent :—

“*Resolved*, That the Grand Lodge of Vermont approves the proclamation of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, declaring non-intercourse with the three lodges in that jurisdiction that refuse to submit to the authority of the sovereign Grand Lodge of Quebec and continue their allegiance to the Grand Lodge of England.”

There is no uncertain sound in that resolution.

The report of business transacted presents nothing of general interest.

The reports of the several District Deputy Grand Masters go to show that the craft throughout the State is in a fairly prosperous condition, and that “peace and harmony” prevail.

M. : W. : Bro. L. C. Butler prepared and presented the report on Foreign Correspondence. It is written with much ability, and covers 97 pages. Our proceedings for 1884 are reviewed favorably, excepting that our esteemed brother