

HIRAM LODGE.

As our readers are aware there has for some time existed most lamentable antagonism between Hiram Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of the city of New Haven, Connecticut, U. S., and the M. W. the Grand Lodge of that State, on whose registry said lodge has *par excellence* been "Number One."

The ostensible cause of the unfraternal conflict, appears to have been the unwillingness of Hiram Lodge to depart from its time-immemorial method of giving a certain sign in the third degree, and adopt therefor that which was authorized and sought to be put in force by the Grand Lodge.

The refusal of Hiram Lodge to comply with the commands of the Grand Master, together with other matters connected therewith, and involved therein, led up to the condemnation of "Hiram" by Grand Lodge, and the issuing of an edict against the same, and an appeal to the sister Grand Lodges of the world, etc.

Having given some considerable attention to these deplorable matters, we are reluctantly compelled to say that we cannot much commend the manner in which certain Grand Lodge officials performed some of their duties *in re*, nor can we approve of much which has been said and done by officers and others of Hiram Lodge, or by the lodge itself. In fact, to us, as an unprejudiced onlooker, it appears to be the most unnecessary conflict between a Grand Lodge and one of its constituent lodges that has ever occurred; and it further seems to us

that the present Grand Master and other officials of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut ought to be able, at no distant day, to effect a perfect reconciliation, if not directly, at least by the mediation of one or more eminent brethren of experience and ability. May this be done.

We forbear, at this present, publishing at length our view of the situation, in the hope that the foregoing suggestion may forthwith be acted upon. We are of the opinion that it ought to be acceptable to "Old" Hiram, and we do not think it ought to be rejected by the Grand Master or Grand Lodge of Connecticut. So mote it be.

ROSICRUCIAN.

This term is not, as some erroneously suppose, made up of the words "Rose" and "Croix" (cross); but it is derived from the Latin *Ros* (dew), and *crux* (crucis, genitive case) a rectangular cross—a hieroglyph of light, because its form exhibits the three letters *l v (u) x*, or *lux* (light.) Alchemically, *ros* (the dew) was esteemed the most powerful solvent, and hence a Rosicrucian philosopher is one who by the aid of "dew" seeks for "light."

M. W. BRO. GEORGE O. TYLER, of Burlington, Vt., an esteemed honorary Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, was present during the recent annual communication at Montreal, and was as usual, most serviceable in the diligent and efficient performance of many duties. The time and "outlays" spent by him in promoting the interests of the Grand Lodge of Quebec have been many and great.