

Correspondence of the several Grand Lodges upon each side of the question. These are all submitted without comment, and from the arrangement, are valuable for reference. The Committee come to the conclusion that the Grand Lodge of Quebec should be recognized.

M. W. Park Davis, Grand Master; R. W. Henry Clark, Grand Secretary, re-elected.

### VIRGINIA, 1871.

The Grand Lodge met in Richmond, December 11th, 1871. M. W. Thomas J. Evans, Grand Master; R. W. John Dove, Grand Secretary. 127 Lodges represented.

The Grand Master's address is a brief detail of his official acts for the year, with several decisions upon questions of Masonic Law. We note that the committee on the Grand Master's address do not concur in four cases out of the ten submitted, and that their report was adopted. If any value is to be attached to a Grand Master's decisions upon questions of Masonic Law, we think that they should be final; or else, let such decisions be made by the Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence; as it would certainly place an inquiring Master or Lodge in an awkward position, to receive a decision upon any point from a Grand Master, act upon it, and having done so, find that the whole proceedings are made irregular by the vote of the Grand Lodge.

Upon the question of Grand Lodge representatives, we quote:

2. *Resolved*, That while she would not restrict the power of Grand Lodges in the appointment of representatives to selections in all cases of representatives from their own Jurisdictions, she does not deem the policy of the appointment of brethren who come not fresh from the body of their constituency, consistent with the true theory of representation unless those brethren be commissioned for special purposes and a limited period; and that therefore such appointments of representatives near this body will hereafter be regarded as extinct after the expiration of one year from date, unless official information be communicated from the Grand Body which conferred it, of a continuance of the authority of the representative.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is by Brother R. B. Welford, Junior, reviewing proceedings of 45 Grand Lodges,