

to run away with his good judgment, and in doing so, the publications he has reference to will benefit, while those he did not intend to condemn will suffer. We hold strongly to the position that any publication as a matter of news may very properly devote a column to the interests of the Masonic fraternity, and in so doing, please many subscribers. There is a limit, however, beyond which comment should terminate. We have noticed in the daily press that Mr. So-and-so would be balloted for in such-and-such a lodge; and again, that a certain prominent citizen had been balloted for and accepted in a lodge. That is not the kind of intelligence which should be given to the public. Had the G. M. of New York named the publications he had reference to, there would have been less confusion in connection with his remarks than exists now, for we find one of the best of our New York exchanges communicating with the Grand Master to ascertain if it (*The Freemasons' Journal*) was among the condemned. The *Freemasons' Journal* is a publication of which any State might be proud, and we are glad to see that M. W. Bro. Lawrence promptly placed it above the publications to which he unfortunately refers. The references of the G. M. will be readily recognized by those conversant with the New York press, and we think many will agree with us that no condemnation of them would have been better than the present one. We lean to the opinion that the "unmasonic publications" will not suffer from what the Grand Master of New York has said about them.

ABSOLUTE JURISDICTION.

In the Foreign Correspondence of New York, under the heading of "Idaho" we find the following reference to the Quebec troubles:—

"There is a serious difference existing between the Grand Lodges of England and Quebec, to wit:—The American Grand Lodge was regularly formed, and has been duly recognized by all Grand Lodges on this continent. England still retains the allegiance of several lodges within the jurisdiction of Quebec. The natural and inevitable result is conflict. The English lodges accept and work material which has been rejected by lodges working under the American Grand Lodge. After bearing this for years, though always protesting against it, the Grand Lodge of Quebec has at last taken the stand which it ought to have taken long ago, and forbidden all intercourse and recognition of lodges and masons working in the province under any authority other than her own. The matter has not been formally presented to our attention, but the question will undoubtedly come before us at an early day, and we will then be obliged to take one side or the other. It is to be hoped that the matter may soon be amicably adjusted. Otherwise, I fear it may lead to confusion among the craft."

It may be well to remark in this place that the committee to which this part of the address was referred recommended, and the Grand Lodge adopted the following:

"Whatever claim to the contrary may be set up, the law of the American continent is absolute and exclusive jurisdiction for each Grand Lodge within its own borders. We deem it proper to express our hearty sympathy for our sister Grand Lodge of Quebec, and to express the hope that fraternal communion in the fullest sense may ere long be resumed by