

Lodge in that Province. He admits that there is great discussion, and practically not as much Masonry as there should be. He offers nothing which should change our opinions, and we must still say there is no Grand Lodge there as unanimity has not been attained." (What a pity there is no Grand Lodge in Scotland "as unanimity has not been attained."—Ed. *Craftsman*). Now, that our readers may understand the position of *The Voice* upon this question, and the veracity of its statements, we append the letter which *The Voice* dared not publish, since it so completely refuted its statements. Probably, however, it will relent next month, and give it together with one which it has doubtless received from Rev. Wm. B. N. Weekes, (Grand Sec. of the G. L. of New South Wales, and bearing date, Sidney, Oct. 30, '82:—

SIDNEY, N. S. W., Oct. 5th, '82.

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Editor *Voice* (Masonry), Chicago.

DEAR SIR AND BRO.:—Your article, under the above heading, in your esteemed paper, is doubtless intended to be truthful, likewise interesting, and to not a few amusing. Your geographical information is the only truthful sentence in the article. Your comments anent the Grand Lodge of N. S. W., are the reverse, and we can but refer you to our proceedings in convention to refute your statements. It would indeed be but a reprint of said proceedings to detail them in the limits of a single letter.

We feel sure you must have from time to time noticed our leading articles about our position. We did nothing in a hole or corner. Every member of the Craft seven years ago knew of the movement then on the

boards to form a Grand Lodge; in fact the idea had been ventilated for over twenty years, and just here the only hitch occurs—the great jealousy of each of the executive officers of the S. C. and E. C. Constitutions, each wanting to rule the roost; so much so, that the Grand Secretary of the S. C. offered to bring over all his Scotch lodges for the sum of £1,000. This idea has been stated publicly on three different occasions, and printed in our columns. Does this District Grand Secretary, S. C., ever attempt to disprove the assertion? The same idea held good anent the late Secretary, E. C. Each finding their cases not entertained, proceeded to stifle all further discussion in the various lodges in the inland towns. At that time threats of suspension and expulsion were hurled right and left, and many of the brethren, alas, too ill acquainted with Masonic law, remained dormant and the subject was silenced *pro temp*. Proceeding on our even path, our position became an object of interest to many Grand Lodges, and finally recognition after recognition followed, and we now stand before the world as a Sovereign Grand Lodge, recognized by seventeen sister Grand Lodges, and mail after mail brings us another and another. Thus much for your malcontents.

Regarding the letter signed by "Keystone," alias Bro. Brinz, he is a "Webb-foot" fraud; an individual who, from his own proving, has travelled on Masonry right through the States, and tried his hand at improving the Craft in Melbourne and Sidney. This same Brinz (anglicised Brince), a Polish Jew, of no particular calling, reached Sidney unknown and unannounced, and paid his respects to the various Scotch and English lodges, until he did it once too often, and was told he would not be permitted to assist in their workings any longer unless he affiliated. Receiving his quittance in that quarter, he tried "the other side of the street." After a visit or two, followed by the