

to which communication a friendly letter has been received from the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Michigan, stating that the whole subject had been referred to the Grand Master, from whom a communication has since been received, giving the particulars of the case, and assuring me of his desire to have the complaint settled in a fraternal manner.

Irving Lodge, No. 154, Lucan, has initiated a candidate, claimed to be within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Oregon. This has been done unintentionally, and without any desire of infringing upon the rights of others. The gentleman initiated was formerly a resident of Lucan, and removed to Dallas City, Oregon, where he resided for a time, when he again returned to Lucan, but not with the intention of becoming a permanent resident. Irving Lodge applied to Wasca Lodge, No. 15, Dallas, Oregon, for permission to initiate the candidate into Masonry, and received a reply from the W. M. which was understood to be the consent of his lodge. Assuming this to be sufficient authority, Irving Lodge initiated the candidate. Of course the lodge at Dallas could not legally give any such authority, as such power rests alone with the G. M. I have expressed my regret to the G. M. of Oregon that his jurisdiction should have been interfered with, and trust to have this matter satisfactorily and amicably adjusted, although the G. M. states that he will not acknowledge the brother initiated by Irving Lodge as a Mason when he returns to the State of Oregon. All the papers bearing on the case and the action of the Grand Lodge of Oregon, have been received and will be placed before you.

INVASION OF TERRITORY.

On the 25th August last I was informed that St. George Lodge, No. 440, Registry of England, had initiated into Freemasonry a Mr. George W. Hogarth, a resident of the city of Toronto, who had been balloted for

and rejected by Doric Lodge, No. 316, Toronto. As such action is clearly a violation of the jurisdictional rights of this Grand Lodge, I directed the Grand Secretary to bring the subject under the notice of the Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England. He accordingly forwarded the following letter:—

Grand Lodge of Canada,
Grand Secretary's Office,
Hamilton, Ont., 9th Oct., 1882.

To the Right Hon. Lord de Tabley, Representative of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. c. Canada, near the Grand Lodge of England:

R. W. SIR AND BROTHER,—I am directed by the M. W. the Grand Master to request you to bring under the notice of the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England the action of St. George's Lodge, No. 440, E. R., Montreal, in invading the territory of this Grand Lodge by initiating into Masonry Mr. George W. Hogarth, a resident of the city of Toronto. Mr. Hogarth has been in the employ of the North Western Telegraph Co. and the Montreal Telegraph Co. during the past ten years, and has resided during that period in the city of Toronto, and he is not now, and has not been at any time, a resident of Montreal.

I enclose a certified extract from the minutes of Doric Lodge, No. 316, Toronto, showing that Mr. Hogarth was proposed on the 31st Dec., 1881, and was rejected on the 18th January, 1882.

Your early attention to this matter is respectfully requested.

I am, my Lord,
Yours Faithfully and Fraternally,
J. J. MASON,
G. Secretary.

In answer to which the following letter has been received:—

United Grand Lodge of England,
Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen St.,
London, W. C., 6th November, 1882.

R. W. Bro. J. J. Mason, Grand Secretary
Grand Lodge of Canada:

R. W. SIR AND BROTHER,—Lord De Tabley has transmitted to me your letter of the 9th October, in which you convey a protest of the M. W. the Grand Master of Canada against an alleged "Invasion of Territory" of that Grand Lodge on the part of the English Lodge, No. 440, Montreal, by their initiating a gentleman, acknowledged to have been many years in the employ of the Montreal Telegraph Company, but stated to be residing in Toronto, and who had recently been blackballed in a lodge in that town.