

Rev. Bro. German was then called upon. He spoke of the attraction of Masonry. It was impossible to explain the attraction of the steel and the magnet; no more can we explain the Masonic tie. But we can rejoice in the fact that so it is. All its principles are based on charity. The speaker dwelt forcibly on this idea of the necessity of charity, not only as manifested in giving to the poor, but also in looking with leniency upon the faults of others. If we expect charity, we must give it. The sun shines on royalty, but on the poor, too; and such should be our charity.

A recitation from Bro. Jno. McBeth, entitled "The Level and the Square," followed. It was delivered in a most spirited manner, and the audience appreciated it heartily.

At the close of the proceedings, a gold watch was presented to M. W. Bro. Geo. F. Newcomb, by R. W. Bro. A. J. Belch, and a few other friends of the former. Although the sentiments of the address were by no means those of the majority of the brethren assembled, still it was thought that on such an occasion it would be better not to stir up any feeling by adverse criticism; I would like further to say, that the reply as published in the local press *was not* the reply which was given at the time by M. W. Bro. Newcomb. Had it been so, it would have been impossible for the brethren present to have allowed it to go unchallenged, reflecting as it does, so seriously, upon the happy settlement of the Masonic difficulties in this jurisdiction, said settlement having been approved by the Grand Lodge.—After the Grand Lodge had been closed in ample form, the brethren departed, well pleased with the evening's entertainment.

Fraternally yours,

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### "Grand Lodges of Quebec and Scotland."

To the Editor of the CRAFTSMAN.

DEAR SIR & BRO.—The opening question in the article under the above heading in your March number is one calculated to arrest the attention of every live Mason in the Province of Quebec, and no doubt the remedy suggested by the respected writer is one that appears to be perfectly reasonable and feasible to the mind of the English or Scotch Mason who has not as yet digested the, on this continent, well understood doctrines that "Masonic and political boundaries are coterminous," and that "When a Grand Lodge is established in a territory hitherto unoccupied, it becomes the duty of all the Lodges in that territory to transfer their allegiance to the new Grand Lodge, or surrender their Warrants to the Grand Body from which they were derived. I do not believe that the writer of that article intended to be offensive in suggesting the remedy he did, but I sincerely trust such a thing will never again be even hinted to the fraternity in the Province of Quebec, and that the CRAFTSMAN will not be the medium of conveying a proposition fraught with so much dishonor. Such an idea, if carried out, would destroy the Constitution of our Grand Lodge, which declares that "In the Grand Lodge alone resides the power of enacting laws and regulations for the government of the craft, and of altering, repealing, and abrogating them, always taking care that the ancient landmarks are preserved. The Grand Lodge has also an inherent power of investigating, regulating and deciding all matters relative to the craft or to particular bodies, or to individual brothers, which it may exercise either of itself or by such delegated authority as in its wisdom or discretion it may appoint; but in the Grand Lodge alone resides the power of erasing Lodges, and expelling brethren from the