

Committee, and informed them that, fearing his duties as Grand Master would interfere with his duties as Trustee, he had asked to be relieved from the responsibilities of the latter office. For some reason he has changed his opinion, and endeavoured to prevent the Lodges meeting in the Hall; and though they used it for several meetings, it was not with his consent or approval.

The time arrived when it was necessary for the Lodges to call their meetings for the purposes of installation, and they hoped the trustees had come to a better understanding of their duties,—and accordingly summoned the brethren to meet as usual in the Hall; but on the Friday preceding that day the Trustees caused the property in the building to be seized by the landlord, ostensibly for rent due. By what argument they justify the course pursued, we cannot imagine; one thing is certain, the history of Freemasonry does not furnish a similar instance of departure from the well understood obligations between Trustees and the proprietors of property placed in their hands in trust.

We hope that the recognition of the Grand Lodge of Quebec will have removed any conscientious scruples entertained by the Trustees of their obligations to the Grand Lodge of Canada, and that they will at once take the proper steps to restore to the Lodges their property, and end a misunderstanding which has entailed so much scandal and dishonor on the craft.

In connection with the fact of the recognition of the Grand Lodge of Quebec by the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, we may mention that the Chairman on Foreign Correspondence of that Grand Lodge, on whose report, most probably, the act of recognition was passed, is M. W. Bro. B. G. French, of Washington, P. G. M., one of the ablest Masonic jurists in America, and whose opinions are considered by many eminent brethren as not even second to those of Dr. Mackey, the author of so many well known works on Freemasonry.

We have deemed it proper to devote all the space we could afford to the opinions of the Masonic Press in relation to the recent change of jurisdiction in this Province. We ask our readers to give the matter a careful perusal and proper consideration. Apart from the interest we all have in this subject, it is of great importance to us all to “see ourselves as others see us.”

We have authority for stating that the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Quebec has under consideration petitions for the establishment of three new lodges in St. Francis and Bedford Districts.

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**QUARRELING.**—As a Mason, you are to cultivate brotherly love, the foundation copestone, the cement and glory of this ancient Fraternity, avoiding all wrangling and quarreling, all slander and backbiting, nor permitting others to slander any honest brother, but defending his character and doing him all good offices, as far as is consistent with your honor and safety, but no further.