

we have made it clear that the Grand Lodge of Canada must take action upon this question next month. We have no reason to hesitate. The rights of the Grand Lodge of Quebec should be as dear to the Grand Lodge of Canada as her own, and in this case the *outrage* is really upon Ontario, and every Province in the Dominion, and every State and Territory in the Union, because "*this illegitimate bantling of spuriousness*" is ready to receive within her fold material, and rejected material at that, from every Masonic Grand Lodge jurisdiction on this Continent. The question for the Grand Lodge of Canada is simply this, "Are we to recognize as Masonic, bodies conferring degrees upon men whom we have proclaimed unworthy of that confidence?" If we answer "Yes," we must throw aside our boasted love of exclusive Grand Lodge sovereignty and declare Canada unoccupied Masonic territory. If, however, we answer "No," do not let us hesitate or waiver, but at once cut off all Masonic intercourse with a Masonic Body that thus tramples upon our dearest rights, our most cherished principles, and wilfully violates her pledges of Brotherly Love.

But we think there is something more to be done than this. The Grand Lodge of Illinois has done this, and the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia requires of all visitors from Quebec the exhibiton of a diploma of the Grand Lodge of that Province, thus virtually closing her doors against these clandestine Masons—still the Grand Lodge of Scotland, in her pride and arrogance, laughs at these protests and defies us. The duty, then, of the Grand

Lodge of Canada is to advocate a Convention or Conference of Representatives from the Grand Lodges of the United States and Canada, to settle this question of exclusive Grand Lodge sovereignty, and other questions of importance to the Craft in the United States and the Dominion. It rests with her, as the oldest Grand Lodge in the land of the Maple Leaf, to take the initiative, and we cannot believe she will be so devoid of the first principles of her own dignity as to hesitate a moment as to the course she will adopt. So mote it be.

The Rosicrusian Society.

BY AN ADEPTUS EXEMPTUS, VII.

This Society, although not strictly speaking a Masonic Order, is so closely identified with the fraternity as to render a brief account of it interesting to the student of our mysteries. The Rosicrusian Society is so far Masonic that none but Master Masons can be admitted to the same; it is divided into three orders or classes, which are again sub-divided into nine grades; there is a pleasing and interesting ritual with signs and secrets attached to the first seven grades, the eighth and ninth are official; each member upon his reception into the Society must select some Latin motto, to be deposited in the archives of the Supreme Body; a brother's rank in the order is known by the Roman numeral placed after his name, thus, "I." is lowest, and "IX." highest. The Supreme Body is called a "Council," the subordinate bodies "Colleges." The Association participates largely of a scientific and