

Moved by V. W. Bro. E. T. D. Chambers, W. M., W. Bro. H. Russell, M. D. I. P. M., R. W. Bro. Judge, P. M., and W. Bro. F. T. Thomas, P. M., and seconded by Bro. A. Thom, Bro. D. Bell, and other officers,

"That the members of this lodge have heard with the deepest regret of the removal from their ranks of R. W. Bro. James Bowen, Jr., Past Master of St. Andrew's Lodge, and Grand Senior Warden of the Grand Lodge of Quebec.

"That while mourning the loss of a brother, whose amiable disposition and whose many virtues endeared him to all who had the pleasure of his acquaintance, the members of this lodge bow in humble submission to the will of Him who doeth all things well, and recognize in this call of the silent messenger, a summons to the Grand Lodge above, addressed by the Great Architect of the Universe, and sent by the hand of his Tyler—Death.

"That the members of this lodge hasten to assure the bereaved widow and family, of their fraternal and heartfelt sympathy in this hour of their supreme sorrow, and to tender them a respectful assurance that they shall cherish green within their hearts the memory of one to whose name his family may ever refer with feelings of affectionate and honest pride, and by the trestle board of whose life it should be the earnest aim of each of his Masonic brethren to erect his moral edifice."

A copy of the above has been engrossed and sent to the family of the deceased.

A circular has also been addressed to every lodge in the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, by order of the Grand Master, ordering "that in consideration of the respect and esteem of the Craft in this jurisdiction, entertained towards our deceased brother, the late James Bowen, Jr., at the time of his death Grand Senior Warden of this Grand Lodge, and in memory of his faithful services, the

working tools, jewels, and altars of the various lodges in this jurisdiction be draped with the badge of mourning for the remainder of the present Masonic year."

THREAT OF THE GRAND MARK LODGE OF ENGLAND.

At last an official manifesto has been issued, under authority, by the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England, and as it is of general interest to the Craft, and particularly Capitular Masons in this country, we give it *in extenso*:—

OFFICE OF THE GRAND LODGE OF M. M. }
MASONS, 8A RED LION SQUARE,
HIGH HOLBORN, London, Sept. 15, '84. }

M. E. AND DEAR SIR AND COMPANION,—I am directed by the Right Hon. the Earl of Kintore, &c., M. W. G. M. M., to acknowledge, with his best thanks, the copy of the Proceedings of your Grand Chapter, which you have been good enough to send us.

With reference to the Quebec difficulty, I have to remark, with great regret, that considerable misapprehension appears to exist on the part of a majority of the Grand Chapters of the United States.

I have again to repeat—

1. That this G. L. claims no territorial or other jurisdiction whatever in the U. S.; or within the district claimed by the G. C. of Canada.
2. With regard to the Province of Quebec, it is altogether inaccurate to say that this G. L. has issued warrants for Mark Lodges, since its recognition (under a misapprehension as to its legality) of the G. C. of Quebec.

The facts are these. There have always been, since 1760, and long previous to the constitution of the G. C. of Quebec, "Time Immemorial" Mark Lodges connected with English Craft Lodges in Montreal. Of this we have ample documentary evidence, and the main fact is admitted by the G. Z. of the G. C. of Canada, at p. 16 of Proceedings, July 11, 1884. Three of these "Time Immemorial" Mark Lodges, desired to place themselves under supreme English jurisdiction in the Mark degree, as their members were already under supreme English jurisdiction in the Craft, and R. A. degrees. This G. L. has acknowledged them as regular, by granting them what is practically a warrant of confirmation. It has created for them no new status. They were legal bodies before. Some of the