

"Your duty to God."

the dog went forward :

"to your neighbor,"

the dog went backward,"

"and to yourself."

At this, the wretched brute made a clear circle around Bro. Challen's head, and went like a sling-stone out of the window behind him. As the lodge met in the third story, and as there was a pile of bricks under that window, it is needless to say that the only trouble ever occasioned to that lodge afterwards by poor Bose, was that of interring his remains. And this was only done when they found the stench intolerable.

THE CANADIAN SECEDERS.

We have received *The Craftsman*, containing a full report of the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Canada, which we hasten to place before our readers, as it is fraught with interest on the subject of the secession from the jurisdiction of that Grand Lodge.

To show the deep and solemn interest which the Canadian Masons take in the matter, it will be only necessary to state that no less than six hundred members and delegates were present, all of whom came to the meeting with a firm resolve to do, at whatsoever cost, what appeared most likely to promote the interests of our beloved Order.

We learn that efforts of a somewhat questionable character had been made to prejudice the minds of the brethren upon the question of the so-called Grand Lodge of Quebec; but, to the credit of the Craft, with but little effect. The members of the Grand Lodge considered the principal subject which had brought so numerous an attendance together was one of such vast importance as not to be decided upon the evidence of *ex parte* statements. The matter was freely discussed, the evidence accurately weighed; and a decision based on such solid foundation, can scarcely fail to be one that must prove to the Sister Grand Lodges the completely untenable position of the schismatics.

From the first we pronounced the illegality of the action of the brethren of the province of Quebec in forming a Grand Lodge within the territory over which the Grand Lodge of Canada held jurisdiction.

The legality of the matter is unquestionably on the side of the Grand Lodge of Canada; and it cannot be denied that, according to the unwritten law of Masonry, the decision of that body is final and conclusive, the recognition of other bodies notwithstanding; and that while the Grand Lodge of Canada withholds its sanction from the Grand Lodge of Quebec, it is an undoubted fact that the Lodges under the rule of the latter are irregular, and all its members are without the pale of lawfully constituted Masonry.

Although this is our unqualified opinion of the Masonic law, it has been with us a grave question whether, in the present case, the letter of the law may not give way to expediency. It seems hardly probable, after the hard things that have been said on both sides, and the feeling that has been exhibited, that, should the brethren ever meet again in lodge, complete harmony, which is a necessary constituent part of a Masonic lodge, could be established. But the action of the Grand Lodge