

called 'Grand Lodge of Ontario.' The action of these brethren being clandestine, and their location being in violation of the territorial jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Canada, and it being demonstrated that they are entirely without any semblance of authority, I respectfully suggest that their application be rejected."

The Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, to which the Grand Master's Address was referred, made the following report, which was adopted by the Grand Lodge:—

"We recommend that the Grand Lodge of Ontario, as mentioned in the Grand Master's Address—it being irregular—be not recognized by this Grand Jurisdiction, and that all Masonic intercourse be prohibited by the Masons under this Jurisdiction with the Masons claiming to be under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Ontario."

No further action has been taken.

Yours Fraternally,

JOHN FRIZZELL,

Grand Secretary.

J. B. Traves, Port Hope, Ont.

OFFICE OF GRAND SECRETARY, GRAND LODGE  
OF ARKANSAS, F. & A. M.

Little Rock, July 3, 1880.

J. B. TRAVES, Esq.

R. W. Bro.—In reply to your circular of the 29th June, in relation to the "so-called Grand Lodge of Ontario," there has been no mention made, that I am aware of, in our Grand Lodge, of a Grand Lodge of Ontario, except in the report of our Committee on Correspondence at the Regular Communication of 1876, in which, reviewing the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Canada, they say:—"A few of the craft became dissatisfied with the Grand Lodge of Canada, and thought they would put up one to their own notion, without authority of anybody else, and without any respect for Masonic law or usage, they announced themselves the Grand Lodge of Ontario."

Yours Fraternally,

L. E. BARTON,

Grand Secretary.

M. W. GRAND LODGE OF WEST VIRGINIA, A.  
F. & A. M.—OFFICE OF THE GRAND SECRETARY.

Wheeling, July 3rd, 1880.

J. B. TRAVES, Esq., Port Hope.

DEAR SIR AND BRO.—Your favor of the 29th ult. has been received, and in response I would say that the Grand Lodge of West Virginia on the 15th day of November, 1876, adopted the following resolution:

"Resolved,—That we believe the body calling itself the 'Grand Lodge of Ontario,' is irregular and clandestine, and unworthy

of countenance by Freemasons, and that the several Lodges and brethren in this jurisdiction are hereby interdicted from holding Masonic intercourse with any person claiming allegiance to such clandestine organization."

This resolution stands unrepealed, and is the law in West Virginia to-day.

Yours Fraternally,

O. S. LONG,

Grand Secretary.

GRAND LODGE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE, FREE AND  
ACCEPTED MASONS.—OFFICE OF GRAND  
SECRETARY.

Concord, July 3, A. L. 5880.

J. B. TRAVES, Esq.

DEAR SIR AND R. W. BRO.—In reply to your circular of June 29th, I do not remember that the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire ever took any action in regard to the so-called Grand Lodge of Ontario, except so far as it may have been noticed in the report on F. C. Personally, I had supposed that it had gone out of existence, and I think that is the general impression here. No member of a Lodge under the jurisdiction or claiming allegiance to the Grand Lodge of Ontario, would be admitted in any Lodge in this jurisdiction, if his position was understood, unless through the ignorance of the officers of the Lodge of the position of affairs in your jurisdiction. I got the impression from the address of your G. M., Bro. Weller, in 1878, that the Grand Lodge of Ontario had ceased to exist, and hoped that your trouble from that source had ended.

Fraternally Yours,

GEO. P. CLEAVES.

GRAND LODGE ANCIENT FREE AND AC-  
CEPTED MASONS, STATE OF MISSOURI.  
OFFICE OF GRAND SECRETARY, FREE-  
MASON'S HALL.

SAINT LOUIS, July 2nd, 1880

J. B. TRAVES, Esq.

DEAR BROTHER,—Referring to your favor of June 29th, ult., allow me to say that the Grand Lodge of Missouri has never recognized the so-called "Grand Lodge of Ontario." And any man, pretending to be a Mason, hailing from Lodges owing allegiance to the said "Grand Lodge of Ontario," would be summarily rejected. There is not a Lodge in this Jurisdiction that would recognize any one, in any Masonic sense, claiming connection with the "Grand Lodge of Ontario." We have denounced said body as spurious, and all its work as illegal.

I am, yours fraternally,

JOHN W. VINCH,

Grand Secretary.