

brethren should remember that this cannot go on forever, and that the Quebec Masons are not disposed to be longer trifled with in this style. The farce has been played quite long enough, and unless some arrangement is come to by next January (when our Grand Lodge will meet again), some tall talking and rough handling may be looked for. For my own part, I have decided that no English Mason shall, during the interim, visit the lodge of which I am a member, and at next session of Grand Lodge I shall vote for coercion. The Masons in Montreal have a good deal in their own hands if they choose to exercise their power, and the ice once broken, it will not take long to settle the question. It will be well for the Grand Master to have the matter well in hand for the coming meeting of Grand Lodge, or he may not be able again to charm away righteous indignation and longer delay summary proceedings. We are tired of this barren delay—something like the punishment of Tantalus the settlement always near, we are told, yet never within our grasp. The fight evidently has to come, and it may as well come on now as later. The sooner it is begun, the sooner it will be over. It seems to be pretty well understood Masonic doctrine, that when a Grand Lodge is established in a territory, all the lodges therein are to come under the new Grand Lodge, or else surrender their warrants to the authority from whence they were derived. Now, this is either the law or else it is not. If law, every Grand Lodge in the world is interested in seeing it upheld, and it becomes the duty of every Grand Lodge to see its dictates complied with, or in default to punish the offender, which may disintegrate the whole Masonic family for a time. But disregard of law will only bring confusion worse confounded. The stability of every Grand Lodge is bound up in seeing the laws of the Craft complied with, or else the Order will resolve into chaos. The duty of England in this matter is very plain. If she wants an example of an isolated Grand Lodge, let her look to France.

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Editorial Items.

Lodges of Instruction in England appear to be energetically working the "fifteen sections."

The "Masonic Review" misquotes us regarding Bro. Hovenden. Should it not have said "Toronto Freemason"? R. W. Bro. Hovenden is

one of the most energetic and able officers of the Grand Lodge of Canada, and his opinions on many live questions in this jurisdiction are worthy of respect and careful consideration.

Past Grand Master Joseph E. Chandler, of Pennsylvania, like the Marquis of Ripon, became a Roman Catholic and renounced Freemasonry.

The "Garfield National Memorial Association" is not authorized, so says Bro. Frank Webber, endorsed by the "Masonic Review." We are sorry such is the case, as we thought the programme which we gave last month an excellent one.

The "Masonic Review" endorses the suggestion that Grand Masters and Grand Secretaries, and corresponding Grand Officers in other Grand Bodies, should not accept the position of Grand Representative, since "they are the official representatives of their own Grand Lodge, and cannot act as an ambassador for any other power." This is the correct idea.

The "late unpleasantness" in the Knights Templar and Masonic Aid Association of Ohio, to which we referred last month, has happily been healed, and this prosperous society once more flies forth on the wings of love to bring comfort, joy and happiness to many an impoverished widow and homeless orphan.

At the annual festival for the installation of the officers of the Grand Lodge of England, owing to the unavoidable absence of the Grand Master, the Prince of Wales, and the Pro-Grand Master, the Rt. Hon. the