

factories, although I can't see in either case that England has a leg to stand upon. Still, this action on the part of England should strengthen (if that was necessary) the stand taken by the Grand Lodge of Quebec.

Yours fraternally,
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THE MYSTERIOUS MASON IDENTIFIED.

—About two years ago we printed a curious story of the burial of an unknown Freemason, in California, by the brethren of his Order. He had met his death in a sudden and mysterious manner, and there was none who could tell his name or whence he came. His body bore tattooed emblems of the Order of the most remarkable character, and the brethren into whose hands he fell were satisfied that he was not only one of their number, but of a high order, and a devoted workman. The New Haven *Lever* says that a business man of that city, named E. M. Spencer is the brother of the man of whom this curious story is told, and the name of the man who ended his career in the manner described was Albert C. Spencer. He had been for a number of years Secretary to the Viceroy of Egypt, and it is supposed that the work on his body was performed by Masons in that singular country. Among other things he had on his breast the emblems of the square and pointers, with the letter "O" on either side; and he wore upon his breast a pin in oval form, bearing the same inscription, whose design was copied from one found in the ruins of Solomon's Temple. The brother claimed the body, and had it disinterred and by describing marks not before noticed convinced the members of the Order that he was indeed the brother of the stranger, and erected a marble monument over his final resting place.

DEDICATION OF A NEW LODGE ROOM AT ST. GEORGE.

St. George Lodge, No. 248, G.R.C., is one of the most active, solid and zealous Lodges in the Hamilton District. Although they have twice had their Lodge completely destroyed by fire, it does not seem to dampen their energy or retard their prosperity, but rather gives them new incentive to work, and a laudable ambition to excel. They were burned out by the fire which destroyed the Cummings House last year, but directed by the zeal and tact of the W. M., V. W. Bro. Dr. Kitchen, who has been, except for a very short interval, the presiding officer for the last eighteen years, they are again in possession of one of the prettiest and most comfortable Lodge-rooms in the Province. It was dedicated on the evening of the 3rd of February, and quite a number of prominent members of the craft were present on the occasion.

The new premises are in the third storey of Bro. Charles Haas' new block, on the second floor of which are the new rooms and lecture hall of the Mechanics' Institute. The building throughout is fitted up in a neat and tasteful manner, and heated most comfortably with hot air by one of Gurney's improved furnaces. The Lodge-room, dressing and ante-room are all carpeted throughout, the one in the Lodge being a very handsome emblem carpet specially imported by Beatty, of Toronto, who finished and laid them all. The furniture is of solid walnut, carved, with marble tops, the chairs, designs and emblems all being in the latest and most attractive styles. The chandeliers, lamps and globes are also of unique style and emblematic, with hand painted designs, which are also noticeable even down to the cuspidores. The home of the St. George Lodge is a credit, not only to the brethren, but to that stirring little burg.

In order to perform the ceremony