

an earnest disposition to heal the breach and restore harmony to the craft. In doing this they have been influenced simply by a desire to remove from their own Grand Lodge all cause of dispute, and not by any personal feeling; for we happen to know that the acceptance of the resolutions adopted at the conference would have been the signal for the withdrawal of many from the craft. They have been met in a spirit of arrogance and pride, which is as discreditable to those who were guilty of it as it is insulting to them. Hereafter they, at least, cannot be charged with being in any way the cause of the difficulties that exist; and they may rely upon it that the Grand Lodge, to which they have so loyally adhered, and for whose peace they were willing to sacrifice so much, will stand loyally by them. The threats of the so-called Grand Lodge of Quebec are as the idle wind. But were they even foolish enough to enforce them, and did they find American Grand Lodges foolish enough to second them in the attempt, the fact would make no difference. The Grand Lodge of Canada will never consent to forego its protection over its own loyal subordinates at the dictation of a foreign body, however influential it may be. Existence as a Grand Lodge upon such terms would be too humiliating to be accepted by the members of the Grand Lodge of Canada.

THE BALTIMORE MEETINGS.

During the week commencing September 18th, the city of Baltimore was the scene of probably the grandest series of masonic celebrations ever held on this continent. The triennial convocations of two of the highest Masonic Bodies in the United States, the General Grand Chapter, and the General Grand Encampment—drew together an immense number of masons from every State in the Union. The official delegates to these Grand Bodies were, in general, escorted by private members and officers of the different commanderies, who with their lady friends, were desirous of participating in the festivities peculiar to the occasion, most of them being accompanied by bands of music from the different cities. One Commandery had its own band, all composed of Templars. A large number of strangers were likewise attracted to the city, to witness the celebrations, the magnitude and extent of which were such, that we can only hope to give a slight sketch of the proceedings.

Monday was principally devoted to the reception of visitors, and the arrangements of the Baltimore brethren in this respect, were worthy of all commendation. All were accommodated as suitably and conveniently as the crowded state of the city would allow. The delegates from the Grand Priory of Canada, Eminent Freres † Henry Robertson, Grand Sub Prior, and R. Ramsay, P. G. Sub Prior, arrived in the afternoon, and were cordially welcomed by Sir Knight E. T. Schultz, the Secretary of the Committee of Arrangements. They were taken to Levell's Rooms on Fayette street, a central location, where comfortable and commodious quarters had been secured for them. Their host and hostess were exceedingly kind and attentive, and they were amply provided with every requirement that could be imagined to add to their comfort during their stay. In fact nothing could ex-