

reverence to their exalted position as "king of the craft." But, even with this disclaimer, will Brother Klotz excuse us when we say, that we do not yet see how he proves his assertion, that Grand Master Wilson ever conceded the right of any Grand Lodge to establish foreign Lodges within our jurisdiction? The Grand Lodge of Canada had an undoubted right to establish her Lodges in any territory where no other Grand Lodge claimed supreme authority, and we have no hesitation in asserting that the Act of Confederation affected this *right* in no possible manner whatever,—the dictum of any "Grand Master" to the contrary notwithstanding.

As to the "hobby question," so ably argued by our correspondent, we are inclined to admit both the force and soundness of the arguments which he adduces. Such a case, however, as the one he imagines, is never likely to arise: when it does, an ample and sufficient remedy will be found in "the Book of Constitution."

At the Grand Lodge Banquet at New York, on the evening of the great Masonic celebration, 8th inst., the toast of "Masonic Sovereignty," was ably spoken to by M. W. Bro. Richard Vaux, P.G.M. of Pennsylvania, who asserted that those who would dare to invade the jurisdiction of another Grand Lodge, ought to meet the fate of the Grand Orient of France. He referred to the troubles in Canada, and trusted and implored the Grand Lodge of New York to consider well their action before deciding a question of so great an importance as the disruption of a sister Grand Lodge.

JURISPRUDENCE.

QUESTION.—At the regular meeting night of a Lodge, neither the W. M., S. W., or J. W., nor a P. M. of the Lodge are present, what is proper to be done?

ANS.—In the event of the W. M. not having deputed some other P. M. or Master of a Lodge to act for him, the Lodge could not be constitutionally opened, and there would be no other alternative but for the brethren assembled to return to their homes without holding the meeting.

QUESTION.—What would be thought of the opening of a Lodge without a Warrant or Dispensation being present, and would any work performed at such a meeting be deemed legal?

ANSWER.—If any number of brethren assembled, and opened a Lodge of Masons without warrant or dispensation, or other authorized authority, the meeting would be unconstitutional, and any work done at such a meeting would be irregular; and the brethren taking part in the proceedings would render themselves liable to be charged with a violation of the Constitution and usages of Masonry.

QUESTION.—Can a charge be preferred against an unaffiliated Mason?

ANSWER.—Yes; once a Mason, always a Mason; and a brother, by withdrawal from active membership, cannot release himself from the responsibility of his obligation to the Craft, and may be dealt with by any Lodge in whose jurisdiction he resides, on the complaint of any Mason in good standing.

At Rest.

DIED—At Toronto, on the 31st May, Bro. Thomas Willing, aged 51 years, St. John's Lodge, No. 75, A. F. & A. M., and Grand Tyler Grand Lodge of Canada.