

"OUR BRETHREN IN MONTREAL."

The (London) *Freemason* having of late wisely abandoned somewhat its *ad nauseam* repetitions of "chestnutty" flavor *re* the vitally important Quebec England "international" question,—its aged contemporary evidently alarmed thereat, comes to the rescue in its issue of Oct. 1, under the above characteristic, narrow-minded heading as if there are no other "Brethren" in Montreal or elsewhere in "Quebec," except those so-called "English."

In its initial sentence the *Chronicle*, with charming *naivete*, says:—"We notice, with deep regret, the deliverances of certain American Grand Lodges and the allocutions of certain American Grand Masters, on the question of Masonic right and legality, and constitutional position, as between the Grand Lodge of Quebec on the one hand, and our Brethren of the three Montreal Lodges and the Grand Lodge of England on the other."

THE SECRET IS OUT.

In the foregoing extract, we have the "milk in the cocoanut" conundrum. The secret is out, at last. Our dear Brother "John Bull" cared very little as to whether the brethren in "Quebec" were constitutionally in the right; and irrefutably maintained their fraternal contentions from the Constitutions of the Grand Lodges of England, Scotland and Ireland, and unmistakably showed that the continued existence of English Lodges in Montreal, is wholly incompatible with peace, union and prosperity;—but when the Grand Lodges of the United States of America!—now "the great power" of the Masonic world—become arrayed on the side of Que-

bec,—the organ of "privilege" in England lugubriously exclaims:—"We notice, with deep regret, the deliverances of certain American Grand Lodges and the allocutions of certain American Grand Masters" *re* Quebec-England interjurisdictional affairs.

Certain brethren in England cared but little whether the Grand Lodges and the Grand Masters of the Dominion are a unit in support of the doctrine of exclusive territorial Grand Lodges sovereignty, for they are "colonials" only,—but when the Grand Masters of "the great Republic" of America unanimously declare in favor of the same great, and ought-to-be universal principle,—certain brethren in England begin to "sing another song!"

Well, let us thank God and take courage, since it now begins to appear that there are those in England who now give some indications of becoming amenable to the enlightened opinion of the Masonic world.

Let all good English brethren practically acknowledge that the Quebec and all other Canadian Grand Lodges are peers of American Grand Lodges and soon all will be well.

We reserve further comments upon other significant parts of the "forlorn hope" article of our contemporary in seeking to bolster up its "lost cause."

There is some talk of instituting a Lodge of the Royal Order of Scotland in London, Ont., and several members of the fraternity have signified their intention of becoming charter members. M. W. Bro. Moffat has the necessary authority to institute and it is expected that four or five prominent Masons of Detroit will join in the requisition to open a lodge in the "forest city."