

have pursued in the formation of our independent organization is in accordance with Masonic precedents; others have only delayed their judgement in the same sense out of courtesy to the Grand Lodge of Canada. Before the end of the year on which we have now entered, as we have good reason to believe, the great majority of the Grand Lodges in the United States will give their verdict in our favor, and by implication condemn the Grand Lodge of Canada. The recognition, therefore, of our brethren of Ontario has lost any special value or importance that it may once have had, in our eyes. We now feel comparatively indifferent whether we ever have it or not. If it shall ever be courteously tendered, without injurious reservations appearing on the record, we will doubtless accept it, feeling at the same time that it is only tendered because it could no longer, with any regard for public decency, be withheld. And if, unhappily, for the general good of the craft, it shall continue to be withheld, I trust we have sufficient good sense and masonic feeling to do what we can to cover the scandal with the broad mantle of our charity.

A GRAND OFFICER OF THE GRAND LODGE OF QUEBEC.

Sherbrooke, 9th Jan'y, 1871.

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We are glad to learn that R. W. Bro. James Seymour, D. G. M. who recently received the appointment of Collector of Inland Revenue for the St. Catharines Division is very successfully discharging the duties appertaining to the office.

We understand that Bro. Seymour finds that the time at his disposal will not be sufficient to warrant him continuing the publication of the *Constitutional*, longer than he can possibly help, and that he is prepared to treat liberally with any one who is desirous of going into the publishing and printing business.

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It will be pleasing to R. W. Bro Wm. McCabe's numerous friends to learn that he has received a very valuable appointment at the head office of the Craftsman Life Assurance Com., New York. Bro. McCabe has our best wishes in his new sphere of usefulness, and we congratulate the Company in its appreciation of the business talent of a gentleman so capable and deserving.

#### FOREIGN MEMORANDA.

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The Royal Arch Masons of West Virginia propose withdrawing their allegiance from the Grand Royal Arch Chapter for Virginia, and establish a Grand Chapter of their own.

The Grand Lodge of North Carolina intend to celebrate its centennial anniversary, during the present month. Invitations have been issued to M. W. the Grand Masters of sister Grand Lodges.