

satisfactory issue. Prominent English Masons, who were questioned on the subject, declared that they were not prepared to be 'bulldozed' into renouncing their allegiance."—*London Freemason*. So English Masons find that non-intercourse with the colonial brethren "will create great amusement," and "prominent English Masons" will not be "bulldozed." Who wants to "bulldoze" them? Quebec only wants her rights.

**ILLINOIS AND THE ENGLISH MARK LODGE.**—At the convocation of the Grand Chapter of Illinois, convened in the city of Chicago, Oct. 30th, 1884, the following preamble and resolutions were received and adopted:—

Whereas, The Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England has, without any justification, invaded the territorial jurisdiction of a sister Grand Body, the M. E. Grand Chapter of Quebec; therefore,

*Resolved*, That the M. E. Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Illinois be, and is hereby directed to issue his edict, interdicting all fraternal communication between the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England, its constituent lodges and members thereof, with this Grand Chapter, its constituent chapters and members.

*Resolved*, That when the Grand Chapter of Illinois shall be advised by the Grand Chapter of Quebec of a satisfactory adjustment of the foregoing difficulties, the Grand High Priest of our jurisdiction shall issue an edict annulling these presents.

Forest Lodge, No. 263, Forest, Ont., attended divine service on the 7th ult., when Rev. Bro. Robinson, of Exeter, delivered an excellent sermon. The brethren turned out about one hundred strong.

## Correspondence.

*We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions of our Correspondents.*

## RUMORS AND OPINIONS.

*To the Editor of THE CANADIAN CRAFTSMAN.*

SIR AND BRO.,—A very good story is being circulated just now of how the C. W. P. accompanied a young man from the country (who, by the way, has a vote in Grand Lodge), to his lodgings from a meeting, and how he unfolded to this unsuspecting young man how wicked it was for brethren to criticise the actions of Grand Masters, that they had sought him, not he them, and having elected him, it became their duty to support him; but it so happened that while this apparent innocent (?) young man was taking this all in, as it flowed so smoothly from the fountain of knowledge, his thoughts were running in this direction. This man is talking as though there was no canvassing in Grand Lodge,—as if the officers elect were the free, spontaneous choice of the Grand Lodge voters, upon whom no influences had been brought to bear,—as if there had been no wire-pulling to bring about the result, and that as soon as the holy oil of office had been poured on the hierophant, he at once became elevated above the criticism of ordinary Blue Masons, so long as he carried out the behests of the ring to whose exertion he owed his position. I have seen sacerdotalism in the church, but want none of it in Grand Lodge matters. When our fathers declined to enact any punishment for the Grand Master who had acted in a manner unworthy of his high position, leaving such an emergency to the wisdom of the future, they certainly did not debar their successors the right of arraigning any such man at the bar of public opinion.

There is a rumor floating round, viz., that notice had been given to England that under certain conditions non-intercourse would be pro-