

your committee ; but at the same time we have no hesitation in stating that we consider it covers the following points, which by the minutes enclosed you seem to wish to have more formally provided for :—

First, As to the edict of the 21st June, A. L. 5878. It was perfectly understood that immediately upon the settlement being ratified by your lodges, that edict would be at once suspended, and this will undoubtedly be done.

Second, With regard to the suspensions. We do not see the necessity of alluding to this, inasmuch as the suspension of the edict must necessarily affect all suspensions thereby created.

Third, As to the rank of your District Grand Officers. We understand that the settlement covers them, and that they will occupy the position of Past Officers of our Grand Lodge of a similar rank to that held by them at present ; your position being considered as equivalent to the rank of D. G. M. in our grand body.

The original agreement was the joint effort of the two committees, arrived at after a calm and careful consideration of the whole subject, and with an earnest desire to adjust all difficulties ; and while it was impracticable especially to mention every detail, still we can with confidence express our conviction that when you join us, if such should be the happy result, you will find us desirous to meet your views in a fair and generous spirit in all matters of detail.

We trust that with this explanation there will be no difficulty in preserving the text of the settlement as signed.

Yours fraternally and faithfully,

M. M. TAIT,

*Chairman Quebec Committee.*

Dr. GEO. O. BAYNES.

On the 14th October last the Right Worshipful Brother Baynes, in writing both the Grand Secretary and the Most Worshipful Brother Tait, stated in effect that the letter of explanation sent by the committee was considered perfectly satisfactory.

On the 13th January instant another meeting of the committees took place, the result of which is embodied in the following minute :—

A meeting of the joint committees named on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, and the District Grand Lodge of Scotland, was held at Montreal on this 13th day of January instant.

The Quebec committee were informed by the committee representing the Scotch holding lodges that the Grand Lodge of Scotland had officially informed them of their willingness to allow them to become of obedience to the Grand Lodge of Quebec, and had desired them in doing so to surrender their warrants to the Mother Grand Lodge ; and it was thereupon agreed—

That the basis of settlement arrived at on the 29th day of September last be hereby modified so as to permit the said lodges to surrender their warrants to the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and to receive in lieu thereof special warrants from the Grand Lodge of Quebec, preserving the priority of the original warrants, but that in all other respects the original basis of settlement stand confirmed.