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NINTH ANNUAL ADDRESS OF THE M. W. THE GRAND MASTER, JOHN
H. GRAHAM, M. A., LL. D.

The address of the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Quebec during this *crisis* in our Masonic history, when the Grand Lodge of Canada, as well as her sister of Quebec, finds that her rejected material may be accepted in the lodges of St. Paul, St. Lawrence and St. George, English Registry, working in Montreal, is necessarily regarded as a document of greater import than those generally delivered on such occasions.

M. W. Bro. Graham, commences by alluding to the "famous city of Quebec" as "the birth-place of Masonry." He feelingly mentions the demise of Bros. Harington and Austin; and the attempt on the life of Her Majesty. He reiterates his views regarding Grand Representatives, and advises that in addition to the duties involved, their term of service should be limited to so many years; suggests that the Finance Committee meet twice a year; thanks those lodges that have elected him an

honorary member; mentions that he has granted one dispensation for a new lodge, "Good Samaritan," at New Carlisle, and had returned the warrant of Chateauguay Lodge, at Huntingdon; advises consolidation of certain lodges, especially in Montreal; speaks of his Grand Visitations, and his peaceful territorial invasion of Vermont; urges the advisability of appointing an "Historical Committee;" points out to the brethren, especially of Montreal, the advantages of erecting halls of their own. He then mentions:—

"Assembled here in Grand Lodge, we cannot forget that it was in this famous old city of Quebec, where our illustrious R. W. Brother the Duke of Kent, and father of our beloved Queen, presided over the craft as Grand Master of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Lower Canada, English Registry, having been installed June 22, 1792. To make the remembrance of this interesting Masonic event the more pleasing, I need but remind the officers and members of this Grand Lodge, that on the