

And moreover, it seems desirable that every Brother should know, that in the advocacy or furtherance of the rights and interests of this Grand Lodge abroad, since the formation of this Grand Body, not a single autograph letter has been sent by me to the Grand Master of any Grand Lodge throughout the world, until he, or his Grand Lodge had taken action anent this Grand Body; neither did I consider it to be in accordance with my own sense of honor, or with the dignity of this Grand Lodge, either by myself, or by proxy, to be going here and there throughout the world in attendance at Grand Lodges, or other Masonic assemblies, or elsewhere, advocating the rightful claims of this Grand Lodge, or disparaging others.

And as far as I am aware, to the annual communication of but one Grand Lodge, that of Vermont, did a few of our brethren voluntarily go, where they received, as was to be expected, a hearty fraternal reception, and wherein a unanimous vote was passed, proclaiming unrestricted fraternal communication of the Brethren under the Grand Lodge of Vermont with the Brethren under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Quebec.

Believing that truth, honor, and right must triumph, we have been fully assured, that soon every Grand Lodge of the world, would acknowledge, recognise, and uphold the rightfulness, regularity, and worthiness of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, if we remain faithful to ourselves, and to the great and invaluable principles of our ancient, honorable and beloved fraternity, and the result thus far has been such as to equal and even exceed our most sanguine expectation.

WANT OF UNION.

For the past fourteen years the Craft in what is now the Province of Quebec, has suffered many and grievous evils, arising chiefly from want of Masonic unity. Nothing else could have been anticipated from the existence within the same Province of private Lodges under the authority of several Grand Lodges,—each exercising concurrent jurisdiction. As well might political unity and national harmony and prosperity be expected if the Government of Britain, France, and the United States were exercising concurrent political jurisdiction therein. All this is additional proof, if any more were needed, of the pre-eminent wisdom of the law of the Fraternity that each Grand Lodge