

complimentary address, in which Sir Knight Besant's valuable assistance in the organization of the de Molay Encampment and Priory was gratefully and gracefully recited. The address bore the signatures of the following officers and fratres of the Encampment, acting as a committee of presentation:—† Robert Marshall, 32°, P. E. C.; † J. A. P. Forster, 18°, E. C.; † R. W. Crookshank, Prelate; † C. Upham Hanford, Registrar; † William D. Forster, 18°; † G. Fred. Ring. Frater Besant replied happily, thanking the Sir Knights for the valuable jewel and kind address, and said that it would be his pride to hand them down to his children as an heirloom. He also referred to the great pleasure it would afford him to report the present prosperous state of "The Union de Molay Encampment," and remarked that the "*work of installation*," that evening, had given him the highest gratification. A number of short and appropriate addresses followed, when the Encampment was called by Eminent Commander † T. A. D. Forster, 18°. We understand that Sir Knight C. Besant and family sailed from St. John, by steamship, on the morning of the 14th April, for London, England.

FOREIGN RELATIONS.

IRELAND.

The Grand Lodge of Ireland, at its last quarterly communication, passed the following resolution in reference to the formation of the "so-called Grand Lodge of Quebec:"—"That as the Province of Quebec is in the territorial jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Canada, which Grand Lodge is recognized by the Grand Lodge of Ireland, the Grand Lodge of Ireland cannot recognize the so-called Grand Lodge of Quebec."

MAINE.

It would appear from a telegram report in the public press, that the Grand Lodge of Maine, at its Annual Communication, held on the 3rd and 4th inst., adopted a resolution extending fraternal correspondence with the "so-called Grand Lodge of Quebec." Such a course of action on the part of the Grand Lodge of Maine would be most unfortunate, and could scarcely be deplored too strongly. Any exterior intervention in our present domestic difficulties, pending the formal announcement of our own Grand Lodge determination in July, while sincerely to be regretted as imperilling existing good accord with the Sister Grand Lodge intervening, could but tend at best to further complicate the very question it was intended to help in settling. Into the question of the legality of the proposed recognition we need not now enter, further than to recommend to those who counsel it a careful consideration of the address of M. W. Bro. Richard Vaux, delivered at the last Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, in which the whole subject is reviewed with masterly perspicuity, and in which the principle for which we have consistently contended is thus tersely laid down: "*The consent of the original jurisdiction must be first obtained before recognition is Masonically lawful.*" But, apart from such considerations, the ill-considered step said to be contemplated by our Maine brethren is one against which we feel it necessary to protest, if only in the interests of prudence, good will, and reconciliation. It is well known that the decision to be arrived at in the Grand Lodge of Canada will be announced within two months, and, until this announcement is