

fourteenth paragraph "of Fees," in the Book of Constitution, be amended by striking out the word "fifty" and inserting therefor the word "ty."

One of the most difficult questions Grand Lodge will have to deal with is the Quebec-England relations. While no doubt the easiest way would be to ignore the unpleasant state of the relations between the Grand Lodge of Quebec and the Grand Lodge of England, or rather the action of the former in excluding from its Lodges the members belonging to the Lodges in Montreal holding charters from the latter; but the most manly and straightforward course would certainly be to grapple with the situation. If it is touched at all, we cannot see how the Grand Lodge of Canada can do anything else than stand by her sister Grand Lodge of Quebec. To ignore the subject will look cowardly, and to deal with it means the exclusion from our lodges of the members of all Canadian Lodges working under English charters. We say emphatically stand by Quebec.

Effective steps should also be taken by Grand Lodge to prevent the members of the bogus Grand Lodge of Ontario from being received as Masons by Lodges in the United States. The irregular Ontario Masons are admitted as visitors by the American Lodges under the impression that they hail from a regular Grand Lodge, and the question has only to be understood to secure their exclusion. This question, we think, Grand Lodge should deal with vigorously.

It might also be desirable that Grand Lodge should deal with the so-called Grand Lodge of Ontario question in such a manner as to affect a

settlement acceptable to all. It must be borne in mind that the great majority of the "Ontario" members are perfectly innocent of any offence against the Grand Lodge of Canada. They are men who have entered these Lodges under the impression they were being made Masons in a legitimate way, and we have no doubt a great many of them to-day do not know why they are "irregular." A compromise must be made at some time, and the sooner the better. While we cannot say that we have the "honor" of the acquaintance of many of these so-called "Masons," we have met a few whom we have found to be respectable, well-meaning gentlemen, and who would do honor to the regular craft. These men honestly admit, if they had understood the position of affairs, they would not have connected themselves with a Lodge holding a charter under the so-called Grand Lodge of Ontario, but they find themselves members of such Lodges, and they feel to desert them would be showing the "white feather," and leaving their fellow dupes in the lurch. They feel convinced a compromise will be arrived at, some day, and content themselves with their present circumstances. The longer a settlement is postponed, the more difficult it will be to make terms acceptable to both sides. We think the Grand Lodge of Canada is sufficiently strong to enable it to be generous, and if union can be secured and harmony restored in the Province of Ontario, we would strongly recommend the adoption of a basis upon which the "Ontario" Lodges can be taken over to our own Grand Lodge.