

ENGLAND AND QUEBEC.

VERMONT, 1882.—The following resolution was adopted :

"Whereas, the Grand Lodge of Vermont has learned with regret of the persistent refusal of certain lodges claiming to act under the authority of the Grand Lodge of England, located within the Province of Quebec, to accept proposals of the Grand Lodge of Quebec and to submit to its lawful authority ;

"And whereas, the Grand Lodge of England, as we are informed, has not relinquished authority over said lodges, but supports them in their hostile and defiant position ;

"And whereas edicts of non-intercourse must be the resulting action on the part of Grand Lodges holding similar views with our own upon the question of Grand Lodge sovereignty, if the course now followed by the Grand Lodge of England and its subordinates is continued, therefore,—

"*Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge earnestly desires an amicable settlement of said difficulty, and in a fraternal and courteous spirit urges said lodges to accept the terms proposed by Quebec ; and the Grand Lodge of England to relinquish its authority over said lodges, and extend to the Grand Lodge of Quebec that full and unqualified recognition which it rightfully deserves, and has so generously received from nearly every Grand Lodge in the world."

SETTLEMENT OF DIFFERENCES BETWEEN GRAND LODGES.

UTAH, 1882.—Grand Master Emerson says : "I trust the time is not far distant when all such difficulties and grievances will be settled by committees of arbitration, in the true masonic spirit of brotherly love, and that we shall never hear of edicts and proclamations of non-intercourse, unless some great wrong has been inflicted upon the whole fraternity.

NON INTERCOURSE.

ILLINOIS, 1881.—Grand Master Scott says, referring to New Mexico : "Without expressing any opinion as to the merits or demerits of the controversy, I bring the matter before the Grand Lodge, trusting that you, brethren, will do all in your power to adjust the differences existing between these sister Grand Jurisdictions. A blessing is promised to the peacemaker, and I would fraternally suggest that this Grand Lodge resort not to any edicts of non-intercourse with any of our sister jurisdictions in order to compel compliance with what WE may regard masonic law."

INTERCHANGE OF MATERIAL.

WEST VIRGINIA, 1881.—"*Resolved*, That the subordinate lodges in other Grand Jurisdictions which are situated near our borders, may confer the first three degrees in masonry on persons residing in this Grand Jurisdiction, who reside nearer to such subordinate lodge than to any subordinate lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction, if such applicant be found worthy ; provided the same privilege be extended to the subordinate lodges of this Grand Jurisdiction.

MARYLAND, 1881.—Grand Master Tyson says : "I have frequently been called upon to waive jurisdiction over citizens of this State, residing nearer to a