

careful consideration, they have come to the following conclusions, which they respectfully recommend for adoption by Grand Lodge.

1. That the Province of Quebec has been fully occupied, masonically, since 1855, and is still so occupied by the Grand Lodge of Canada.

2. That the Province of Quebec, being fully occupied, masonically, by the Grand Lodge of Canada, the formation of a second Grand Lodge, within such territory, is illegal and unconstitutional, so long as such occupation continues.

3. That while unanimously and emphatically condemning the action of the Brethren who have presumed to form the so-called "Grand Lodge of Quebec," within the territory masonically occupied by the Grand Lodge of Canada, this Grand Lodge at the same time expresses the hope that the seceding brethren will see the propriety of returning to their allegiance to it, and assures them that in doing so they will be received with cordiality and brotherly good will; but at the same time it deems it due to its own dignity, and its duty to the Loyal Masons and Lodges in the Province of Quebec, as well as to the Craft generally, to withhold any hope of recognition to the so-called "Grand Lodge of Quebec," and to express its opinion that on a proper presentation of the facts of the case, no recognition by other Grand Lodges in correspondence with this Grand Lodge, ought to be accorded to it.

4. That all masonic communication with the Brethren and Lodges acknowledging allegiance to the so-called "Grand Lodge of Quebec," be prohibited; and that all those who fail or neglect to comply with the provision of the previous resolution, by returning to their allegiance to the Grand Lodge of Canada, within a period of three months, be summoned to appear before Grand Lodge at its next annual communication, to show cause why they should not be expelled from the privileges of Freemasonry.

5. That in the opinion of this Grand Lodge, the action taken by the M. W. the Grand Master, in the trying circumstances in which he has been placed owing to the contumacious conduct of certain Brethren in the Province of Quebec, in seceding from the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Canada, merits the highest approbation of Grand Lodge, having been characterized by a strict regard for the Constitution of Freemasonry, and for the honour and dignity of the high position he occupies; and that all the acts, which, in the discharge of his high duties, he has done in this most painful emergency, be, and the same are hereby confirmed.

The Committee in conclusion expresses its earnest hope that the Brethren who have without due consideration, taken the unconstitutional step of organizing a Grand Lodge within masonically occupied territory, will, upon reflection, see the propriety of returning to their allegiance; and that the Grand Lodge of Canada may be permitted for many years to come, to exercise its high functions without opposition, throughout its entire territory, to the benefit of the Craft at large, and to the building up of those benign principles of brotherly love, relief and truth, which it is its high mission to promote.

Your Committee recommend that the address of the Grand Master, with this report, be printed with all convenient speed, and circulated among the members of the Craft, at least ten copies being sent to each