

with this Grand Lodge. The honor which their adhesion would confer,—the efficient aid which they would give to it—and the perfect unity of the Craft throughout the Province, which would be the result,—are such weighty considerations, as must have great influence with every enlightened well-wisher of the Craft of every registry.

Some of us know full well how tender, yet how strong, are the ties which bind one to the land from which he derived his birth and infant nurture, and fully appreciate the earnest desire, among Masons especially, to continue as long as possible, to be connected with, and to be partakers of the blessings, and sharers of the honor and renown of their mother Grand Lodges; but it cannot fail to appear to every thoughtful brother that these considerations may be carried to such an extreme as to be detrimental to the highest interests of the Craft in the country of one's residence or adoption; and although by the righteous offerings of God's Providence, children are separated from parents, for the more perfect fulfillment of the chief ends of their existence, yet, thereafter, neither do prudent parents nor dutiful children, have the less, but rather the more, interest in, and love for one another; in like manner, all wise, Parent Grand Lodges, do exceedingly rejoice to see their own offspring, in other lands, or in other parts of the fraternal domain, in the fullness of time, not shrinking from, but rather courageously taking upon themselves the duties of manhood, by the formation of Grand Lodges of their own—the better to perpetuate and extend the blessings—to imitate the virtues, and to strive to equal, and, if possible, to excel the glories of their illustrious progenitors.

#### THE ELEVEN REMAINING REGULAR "R. C." LODGES IN THE PROVINCE OF QUEBEC.

The same, or similar considerations, as those stated above, apply to the ten (or eleven) remaining Regular, Reg. of "Can," Lodges in this Province; and from the many leading members known to be in each of them, in some, almost amounting to entire unanimity in favor of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, we may confidently anticipate their early and honorable adhesion to this Grand Body.

#### OTHER LODGES IN QUEBEC.

It is almost incredible that the D. D. G. M's of the districts of Montreal and Bedford, should have to report that dispensations, or warrants, have been granted by the G. L. of C. "to open one new lodge in each of their districts. It should have been well known to the humblest brother, official, or unofficial, having the least possible knowledge of the constitutions, and laws of the fraternity, that from and after the formation of this Grand Lodge, no lodge opened in the Province of Quebec, by any other than this Grand Body could be considered a 'regularly formed' Lodge of Freemasons unless constituted or made "regular" by the Grand Lodge of Quebec. No question of recognition, or non recognition, nor any other such like consideration, could in any way affect or change the *de facto* existence of this Grand Body as the only rightful Grand Lodge in and for the Province of Quebec, from and after the 29th of Oct., 1869, and from which alone dispensations or warrants for new lodges could "regularly" be obtained. And as to the few "duplicated lodges," it surely cannot be otherwise than that all misunderstandings will be speedily removed, and harmony, concord, and fraternal unity, again prevail.

#### HAVE NOT RETALIATED.

Lodges in the registry of the Grand Lodge of Quebec have not, to the best of my knowledge retaliated, by refusing "visitation," &c. to brethren in good standing in "regular" lodges in this Province as yet on other registries, nor by rejecting applications for admission or membership to such brethren, into Royal Arch Chapters or into commanderies of Knights Templar, in good part, or wholly, in sympathy with this Most Worshipful Grand Lodge: nor as might readily have been done, has this Grand Lodge retaliated by granting dispensations to form new lodges in the sister Province of Ontario.

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