

tions between the said two Grand Bodies; and

WHEREAS, The said Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales, &c., &c., has ignored the said notification, protest and demand, and has failed to withdraw the said warrants of said lodges, and discontinued its illegal usurpation of rights and invasion of territory of the Grand Chapter of Quebec.

Therefore, be it known unto you all, That in vindication of the sovereignty, and in defence of the rights and prerogatives of the Order, and in justice to those Grand Chapters whose recognition has been extended to it, I declare in virtue of the authority vested in me as Grand Z. of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Quebec, that the action of the said Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales, &c., &c., in granting said warrants, and erecting and constituting said lodges, was and is illegal and unfraternal, and said lodges irregular and illegal lodges, according to Masonic law and tradition, and the members of said lodges made or to be made therein, irregular Mark Master Masons.

In consequence whereof, I declare and proclaim all Masonic intercourse to be suspended, and to cease between the said Grand Chapter, its Subordinate Chapters, and all members thereof, and in obedience thereto on the one hand, and the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales, &c., &c., and all lodges and members in obedience thereto on the other; and all Companions and members of the Grand Chapter of Quebec and of its Subordinate Chapters are hereby commanded to hold no intercourse with any brother in obedience to the said Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales, &c., &c. This edict to be and remain in full force and effect until revoked by the Grand Z. or the Grand Chapter of Quebec.

It is further Ordered, That due proclamation of this edict be made to all

Companions and members in obedience to this Grand Chapter, of which they, and each and all of them, are to take due notice and govern themselves accordingly, and that the same be communicated to all regular Grand Chapters and Grand Lodges of Mark Master Masons throughout the world.

WITNESS my hand and the Seal of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Quebec, at Waterloo, in the Province of Quebec, Dominion of Canada, this thirteenth day of October, A. D. 1833.

H. L. ROBINSON,
Grand Z.

[L.S.]

(Attest,)

DAVID SEATH,
Grand Scribe E.

"CHARITY FAINTETH NOT!"

It is an interesting spectacle, albeit there is imparted to it an admixture both of sadness and pleasure, to witness gatherings which take place regularly and at intervals within the walls of our Masonic headquarters in Great Queen Street, for the election of candidates to one or other of those institutions which stand forth as amongst the provident landmarks of the Craft. The pleasure arises from the conviction which is then perhaps more than at any other time forced upon the minds of the Brethren, of the vast amount of disinterested and self-denying energy put forth to establish the fact already known that Charity is the one great characteristic of the Freemason's heart. We say the fact is already known, because the very existence of our magnificent palaces of benevolence and of solicitude for the wants and sufferings of our less favored fellow-creatures proclaim to the world the depths to which the hearts of the brethren are stirred, and the unquenchable sympathy with suffering humanity which is promulgated by the tenets of the Order. Whatever the curious or cynical may say of the "doings" of the Masons, and how-