

the Grand Lodge of England, to whom an invitation had been extended to be present, but which he was forced to decline on account of other engagements that could not be foregone.

The Bishop of Montreal then proceeded to lay the superior cumbent corner stone in accordance with the beautiful ceremony of the Church, after which he delivered an address, in which he referred, in pleasing terms, to the assistance rendered by the Grand Lodge. Other addresses followed, and the proceedings were brought to a close. The Church, we might add, will cost about \$25,000, and will be one of the finest edifices in that section of the country. It is to replace the oldest Anglican Church in the Eastern Townships, built under the direction of the late Bishop Stewart, a leading member of the Craft, in the early part of the present century.

THE Grand Lodge of Vermont at its recent session in Burlington passed by an unanimous vote the following resolutions referring to the Quebec-Scotland difficulty:

1st. *Resolved*, That the Grand Lodge of Vermont affirms as unquestionable Masonic law, that an independent Grand Lodge, regularly formed and constituted in any political territory, has the undoubted right to exclusive Masonic Jurisdiction throughout that territory, and that the denial of this right is disloyalty to the principles of Masonic government, as recognized by every Grand Lodge on this Continent.

2nd. *Resolved*, That the Grand Lodge of Vermont will sustain the Grand Lodge of Quebec in maintaining its exclusive Jurisdiction over the Province of Quebec.

3rd. *Resolved*, That until the Grand Lodge of Scotland recedes from her present position, the Grand Lodge of Vermont will decline to hold any fraternal intercourse with the G. L. of S., and hereby withdraws all fraternal recognition from all Masons owing allegiance thereto.

### Editorial Notes.

THIS issue of THE CRAFTSMAN has been unavoidably delayed in order to facilitate the printing of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge, Grand Chapter and Great Priory, all of which are now finished, and in the hands of the members.

THE Albion Lodge, Q. R., city of Quebec, was warranted in December, 1761. What existing Lodges on this continent are older? Give us the dates of your old warrants, Brethren.

THE Grand Master of Quebec was invited to be present at the laying of the corner stone of the Cathedral at Truro, England, by the Prince of Wales, G. M., and Grand Officers of G. L. of England, and by Lord Edgecombe and Provincial Grand Lodge of Cornwall.

THE Grand Hall of Masonic Temple, Twenty-third street and Sixth avenue, New York, has been leased for Paul Premier, who will open it about the first of September, purposing to permanently establish a place of refined amusement, catering especially to ladies and children. Extensive alterations are now in progress, the floor of the auditorium being raised and re-seated, so that a good view can be got from all seats, a considerable sacrifice in number being required. The rental goes to the Masonic orphan fund.

A BEAUTIFUL piece of typography is the Summons issued for the Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States at Chicago, on the 17th of August, 1880, printed by Bro. Robt. Sneider, 37 John street, New York, and for a copy of which we have to thank him. It is one of the prettiest and most difficult pieces of printing we have seen in a long time. Copies of it may be obtained by sending 25 cts. to the above address.