

Already, as we have shown, a number of them have spoken on the subject, and that in a way that cannot be mistaken, and the whole Masonic press, with hardly an exception, have taken the same course.

We are proud to find that the Grand Lodge recognized the services of our esteemed brother, Frank W. Baxter, by making him an honorary member thereof.

Probably no one outside of the jurisdiction of Quebec, has worked harder for their interests, than Bro. Frank. He has been their never weary champion, and sick or well, has lifted up his voice and wielded his pen in their behalf.

The following is a copy of the resolution, in regard to the three English Lodges referred to above, and we think there can be no doubt, it means business:—

Moved by R. W. Bro. John P. Noyes, seconded by R. W. Bro. Jas. Addie,—

That, Whereas, The issue of the edict by the M. W. the Grand Master of this Grand Lodge, forbidding intercourse between the Master Masons of this jurisdiction, and the three lodges in Montreal warranted by the English Grand Lodge, has produced no perceptible effect in the settlement of the difficulty as to the Supreme Jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge in the territory of this Province; and

Whereas, this Grand Lodge cannot honorably recede from its rightful claim to supremacy in Masonic matters in this Province, or leave its future chances of success to the chapter of accidents; and, whereas, the Grand Lodge of England has been requested to withdraw the warrants of its said three lodges; therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Grand Master of this Grand Lodge be, and he is hereby instructed, to issue an edict, in the name and in behalf of this Grand Lodge, severing all intercourse between this Grand Lodge, its Subordinate lodges and members on the one hand, and the Grand Lodge of England, its Subordinate lodges and members thereof, on the other hand, unless the warrants of said three lodges be withdrawn, or unless they affiliate with this Grand Lodge on or before the first day of July next.

"UNDUE PUBLICITY."

An article thus entitled appeared in the *Repository*, of September, 1885. The publication of Masonic information was the subject treated. We gave our opinion that much which is said and done in the expression of Freemasonry, and in the regulation of its affairs, may properly be made public. There is no good reason why Masonic transactions of general interest should not be freely communicated. The objection we sought to urge, was against publishing the details of lodge business, and such matters as relate to the conferring of degrees, and other ceremonial practices. Describing the ordinary work of the lodge, giving the names of candidates admitted, etc., was what constituted the "Undue Publicity" to which we made objection.

The criticism offered was intended for home application. We wrote as we did, believing that there is a growing tendency in this country, to make public through the secular press, and otherwise, many matters relating to Masonic procedure, that had better not be disclosed in such a manner. In order that we might make the ground of our objection clearly to appear, we referred to the practice of some foreign Masonic periodicals in printing the names of the applicants for degrees, the names of candidates initiated and advanced, with various details of lodge work and ceremony. We spoke of such a practice as unwise and unmasonic. It would have been better, perhaps, to have made no such reference—better not to have gone abroad for an illustration. Most certainly we did not intend to "stigmatize" English Masons for pursuing their own course in this matter, nor show any lack of respect for that Masonry which is the mother of us all.

The *Freemasons' Chronicle*, of London, England, having courteously published our article, takes us to task for the opinions therein expressed. Its comments are as follows:—