decision against her claims and pretensions,—rendered by so many Grand Lodges; and

WHEREAS, the said Grand Lodge of Canada, has not only not extended fraternal recognition to this Grand Lodge, as of right the exclusive Masonic authority in and for the Province of Quebec,—but in total want of fraternal prudence, and also in utter violation of the customs and constitutions of our fraternity, and consequently in a manner most injurious to the peace, unity, and prosperity of the Craft in this Province,—has even granted warrants to form several new Lodges within the territorial jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, and has also under circumstances of most aggravating character, created duplicate Lodges therein;—and further, that persistent attempts on the part of officials of the same Grand Body have been made to cause dissensions within our jurisdiction, and to create additional Lodges therein.

The fearful results of such, a course of action on the part of said Grand Lodge, can be readily understood by the craft abroad by supposing our cause to be their own, and although existing from somewhat similar causes, in a far less objectionable and aggravating form in the old "Province of Canada," out of which by the formation of the Dominion of Canada in 1867, the two like Provinces of Ontario and Quebec were created;—said evils resulting from multiplied Grand Lodge jurisdiction in the same territory, being certainly not over-stated by Grand Master Harrington, in his annual address to the Grand Lodge of Canada, at Hamilton, in 1864,—wherein he said:—

"It was a great mistake we (G. L. of C.) made in not determining a "fixed date when there must be exclusive jurisdiction throughout Cana-"da, and serving a formal notice to that effect on the Grand Lodges "having subordinates here, that these last might be numbered and "registered, and receive Warrants from the Grand Lodge of Canada, "or choose the alternative of dissolving. It was a natural sequence "to the events occuring in and since 1855, and no compromise should "have been entered into by us except as to time."

"It is very certain that if we were to endeavor to plant an offset in the Old Country (England, Scotland and Ireland) we should be "denounced, and rightly so; and the Grand Lodges there have clearly "no right to lodges *ad infinitum* here."