

George, St. Lawrence, or St. Paul;" or if a man is rejected in Lodge 99, of Chicago, or Lodge 71, of Philadelphia, all he has to do will be to spend a few days in Montreal and become a Mason in one of these English lodges.

This is the case, and now we urge upon the Grand Master of Canada, M. W. Bro. Spry, the necessity for vigorous action. Every Grand Lodge on this continent is liable to similar insult. Quebec has been subject to it for years, and her earnest protests have been unheeded and her wishes disregarded. Some Masonic journals, notably the *Voice of Masonry* and *The Keystone*, could never, apparently, understand the danger attendant upon the existence of these quasi-irresponsible bodies, and Bro. Hughan himself even failed to see it; but here has arisen what we foretold and foresaw years ago. Grand Master Spry has a cool head, calm judgment and firmness of character. The Craft in Ontario expect him to do his duty. The Grand Master of Canada is the peer of any Grand Master in the world, and however unpleasant may be the course he will ultimately be bound to pursue, he must not for a moment hesitate to take a decided stand.

Suppose a lodge under either the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Ohio or that of Quebec had acted in this manner, and accepted our rejected material, what a "hubbub" there would have been about it, and how excited the fraternity would have become, but because it happens to have been done by a mere hanger-on to the skirts of the Grand Lodge of England, in a foreign country, some

would urge the Grand Master to act with policy and expediency. The time for all this has passed; these lodges have had their way for over a quarter of a century, and Grand Master Spry, representing as he does, the voice of the Masons of this country, has but one course to pursue. We feel confident he will do it, and shall not therefore dilate further upon so disagreeable a topic.

OFFICIAL VISITATION OF RT. W.
BRO. E. H. D. HALL.

On the 31st ult., St. John's Lodge, No. 17, G. R. C., Cobourg, was officially visited by Rt. W. Bro. E. H. D. Hall, of Peterboro', the D. D. G. M. of Ontario District, accompanied by his District Chaplain and District Secretary. The distinguished brother was received with honors, and the V. W. Bro. D. McNaughton, the W. M. of the lodge, welcomed him in an appropriate speech. On the dais we noticed W. Bro. B. R. E. Wood, W. M. of Corinthian Lodge, No. 101, G. R. C., and Past Masters Winch and Morrow of the same lodge; John Mason, W. M., of North Star Lodge, No. 365, Roseneath, and Rt. W. Bro. J. B. Traves, P. D. D. G. M., of Port Hope, and R. Ramsay, P. D. G. M., of Orillia; there were also present, V. W. Bros. Floyd and Winch, and W. Bros. VanIngen, Pringle, Thomas Battel and Holland. The splendid hall was well filled, and shortly after the entrance of the District Deputy, the work of the third degree was exemplified by the officers and members of the lodge, assisted by W. Bros. H. C. Winch, Morrow and Wood. Before closing, Rt. W. Bro. Hall expressed