

terms of humiliation to their brethren of the Grand Lodge of Canada. While everything done by the so-called Grand Lodge of Quebec was to be declared legal, the acts of the Grand Lodge of Canada were to be branded with the brand of illegality. While the open robbery of warrants on the part of the promoters of the rebellion, was to be condoned, the act of the Grand Lodge of Canada in giving duplicates to loyal brethren of lodges, whose warrants had thus been stolen, was to be condemned. Thus, at the very outset a cup of humiliation was presented; and for a time it seemed probable that, except at the price of its being drained to the last drop, no approach at settlement could be arrived at. The midnight hour passed, an hour and a half more was exhausted, and then it was deemed expedient by the cooler heads to sleep over the problem. Morning came and with it other proposals. Those submitted by Bro. White were surely humble enough to satisfy any one. Yet no. Even the words of the loyal brethren could not be accepted, and at last the resolutions handed in by Bro. Isaacson, with the alteration of a word or two, were agreed to. It seems to us extraordinary that so much humiliation should have been accepted even in the interests of peace. Our Quebec loyal brethren in accepting these resolutions most assuredly gave evidence of a spirit in striking contrast with that in which they were met; and while every Ontario mason with a spark of honour in him, would have justified their refusing to submit so far, all will admire the spirit of regard for the peace and prosperity of our ancient craft which prompted them to accept almost anything rather than be the cause of the perpetuation of divisions, to which they were in the first instance no parties, but which are unfortunately a source of scandal to Freemasonry.

Our readers will learn with astonishment that even these resolutions, humiliating as they were, were not sufficiently so to suit the tastes of the blood-and-thunder orators of the so-called Grand Lodge of Quebec. In spite of the fact that they were the resolutions of their own Committee, as the protocols show, they were ignominiously rejected, and a series of resolutions passed, so insulting in their tone as to make their acceptance impossible, and to put all further conference with the men who could pass them out of the question. The extraordinary feature about them is that they appear to have been moved by a member of the Committee of Conference which had previously met. We cannot at this moment trust ourselves to write of the proceedings as they deserve. The Deputy Grand Master has again summoned the representatives of the loyal lodges to consider the position in its new aspect. At the time we write we have not learned the result of that meeting, but hope yet to receive it before going to press. We fancy the decision arrived at will be at the least sufficiently decided in tone to make the future position of the lodges a matter of no doubt. One thing we can assure our loyal brethren, they will have the hearty sympathy and support of the Freemasons of Ontario in the loyal stand we expect them to take. They have shown