

for the banner of their own Grand Lodge, so to speak, than to belong to lodges which have no local prestige. In the natural course of things, if the members do not, whilst they are numerous, make good terms, they are not likely to do so well by deferring their union to a period when extinction else is before them."

"Conservative" Pennsylvania Has Spoken.

The Hon. Richard Vaux, Past Grand Master, and chairman of the committee on Foreign Correspondence, reported to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania at its one hundred and forty-ninth annual communication (it being the oldest Grand Lodge on this continent), held on the 27th day of Dec. last, as follows, concerning the Grand Lodge of Quebec:

"The address of the Grand Master of Quebec is very interesting, covering the question of foreign relations generally, and domestic relations between the Grand Lodges of the Provinces. It officially states the settlement of the differences between the Grand Lodge of Scotland and the Grand Lodge of Quebec, that the Grand Lodge of Quebec refused to accept the conditional recognition of it by the Grand Lodge of England, declares for the American doctrine of exclusive Grand Lodge Sovereignty" (which the G. M. of Quebec proved to be originally British), "and sets forth in full the correspondence between the Grand Master of England and the Grand Master of Quebec." (Then follow lengthy extracts from the address.)

"The Grand Master of Quebec declares that longer forbearance of the Grand Lodge of Quebec with the Grand Lodge of England and the

three lodges under English jurisdiction in the Province of Quebec, cannot be looked for. He intimates that he will be forced to stern and imperative measures, and significantly hints at what those measures may be. Nevertheless he counsels further deliberation before action. It is an exceedingly well prepared address, and we take the liberty of remarking just here that to cut off communication with the Grand Lodge of England, and declare the three lodges clandestine, is not beyond the compass of the Grand Lodge of Quebec's intended and, we modestly submit, proper action."

Editorial Items.

THE MASONIC HOME.—This is the name of a new applicant for Masonic favors, published at Waco, Texas, by Bro. Street. As the subscription price is only fifty cents per annum, it can scarcely fail to secure a large list of subscribers. We hope to see it soon enlarged, and thoroughly supported by the Craft in the South.

AN IMPOSTOR.—A brother wrote us from Orillia the other day stating that an individual claiming to be a member of a New York Lodge, No. 889, was seeking for recognition as a Mason there. We wrote the Grand Secretary on the subject, and received the following reply:

Office of the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of F. & A. M. of the State of New York,

NEW YORK, March 23, 1882.

DEAR SIR and BRO.,—Referring to your letter of March 21st, permit me to say the person in question, if not a fraud, at least has given you a Lodge No. (889) which the lodges in this State have not yet reached. Our highest No. is 784.

Fraternally,

E. M. S. EHLERS.

R. W. J. B. Trayes.

A warm reception should be given this fraud wherever he goes.