

said Grand Jurisdiction. A motion to reconsider failed. Owing to the uniform views on the subject of Grand Lodge sovereignty held by the Grand Lodges of the United States of to-day, and the views entertained by the Grand Lodge of England, the action of our Grand Lodge in 1856 showed a lack of firm and self-asserting convictions which causes surprise and disappointment. It has long since been settled as a correct principle governing Grand Lodge Jurisdictions, that mere territorial lines do not bind Grand Lodge allegiance to any power outside of those territorial limits. If legitimate Lodges in the Province of Canada chose to assert and maintain a Grand Lodge sovereignty in that Province, such Grand Lodge should have been recognized at the time of its creation by the Grand Lodges of the United States. It is a grateful truth that long since the restrictive views of the committee now under comment were changed, and the action of the Grand Lodge taken in a different direction; Canada having been recognized by all the Grand Lodges in the United States, Missouri among the number.

THE *Trestle Board* gives the following account of the doings of Zerubbabel the "festive pet" taken by the Knights Templar from California to the Boston celebration:

When Zerubbabel was in Brockton he became ugly, and his keeper was unable to quiet him, so he was finally hoisted into a huckster's cart, and the procession started on. Zerubbabel immediately started on a tour of investigation, and, greatly to his delight, found a basket of fresh eggs. He sat down on his haunches, and, reaching a furry paw down into the basket, brought up a nice large egg. Clutching it between his two paws, he cracked it and swallowed the contents, a proceeding which nearly sent the spectators into convulsions. That egg gone, he reached for another one, and succeeded in getting away with nearly half of

the basket before the man who drove the wagon discovered what the bear was doing. The driver then arose in righteous wrath, and hustled Zerubbabel out of the wagon into the street in less time than it takes to tell it. The festive bear was taken in charge by a squad of Sir Knights and conveyed to the headquarters of the Brockton Commandery, whose property he now is, where he was locked up in a dark cell.

THE London *Freemason* contains a list of the following members of the Craft in Lord Salisbury's Cabinet:

Bro. Lord Halisbury, a P.S.G.W. of England, who is Lord Chancellor; Bro. the Duke of Devonshire, Prov. Grand Master of Derbyshire, who is Lord President of the Council; Bro. Sir M. E. Hicks-Beach, Bart., Prov. Grand Master of Gloucestershire, the Chancellor of the Exchequer; Bro. Sir M. White Ridley, Bart., Prov. Grand Master of Northumberland, the Home Secretary; Bro. Lord George Hamilton, Prov. Grand Master of Middlesex, Secretary of State for India; Bro. Lord Ashburn, Lord Chancellor of Ireland; Bro. Lord Balfour of Burleigh, a P. S. G. W. of England; Bro. Akers-Douglas, Past J. G. W. of England, First Commissioner of Works; and Bro. W. Hume Long, Past S.G.D. of England, President of the Board of Agriculture. Among those of lesser rank are Bro. the Earl of Lathom, Pro G.M., and Prov. G.M. West Lancashire, who has succeeded Bro. Lord Carrington as Lord Chamberlain; Bro. Sir John E. Gorst, Q.C., Past J.G.W. of England, the Vice-President of the Council; Bro. Sir W. Walrond, Bart., Patronage Secretary of the Treasury; Bro. Lord A. Hill, Prov. Grand Master of Down, who is Comptroller of the Household; and possibly some others.

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The triennial session of the Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Masonry for the Dom-