

which comprehends the principles of geometry, *point, line, superficies* and *solid*.

The display of *globes* may also be traced to Egypt, for in a description of the gateway or porch leading to the Temple of Isis in Tentyra; it is mentioned that immediately over the centre of the doorway, is the beautiful Egyptian ornament usually called the globe, with serpents and wings, emblematical of the glorious sun poised in the airy firmament of heaven, supported and directed in his course by the eternal wisdom of the Deity.

From observations and by careful comparison it appears self-evident, that the Temple of Solomon, as well as the Tabernacle of the Israelites were constructed upon the same plan as the temples of the ancient Egyptians, and are representatives of the universe; implying that the universe is the temple in which the Deity is everywhere present, and that the situation of the Lodge and its several parts, are copied after the Tabernacles of the Israelites, and the Temple of Solomon.

QUEBEC.

At the recent Annual Communication of the so-called Grand Lodge of Quebec the following address was delivered:

OFFICERS AND BRETHREN OF THE M. W. THE GRAND LODGE OF ANCIENT, FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF THE PROVINCE OF QUEBEC.

Another year, fraught with its many vicissitudes, has come and gone, and, under the most auspicious circumstances, we have assembled on this, our second Annual Communication, to interchange fraternal greetings, to review the past, carefully to consider the present, and resolutely gird ourselves anew for the labors of the future.

RECOGNITION BY TWENTY-THREE GRAND LODGES.

It is with devout thankfulness that I have the pleasure to report that this Grand Lodge has been duly recognized, and most heartily welcomed into the great family of Grand Lodges, by the twenty-two following important and influential Grand Bodies, namely District of Columbia, Maine, New Hampshire, Iowa, Wisconsin, Texas, Nebraska, Nova Scotia, Nevada, Kansas, Illinois, Ohio, Michigan, Georgia, Mississippi, Arkansas, North Carolina, Connecticut, Indiana, New York, Vermont and Rhode Island.

The *nine* first of these Sister Grand Lodges extended fraternal recognition to Quebec during the first year of its existence, and the last *thirteen* have done the same not less heartily, since our last annual Communication eleven months ago.

These Grand Bodies represent nearly half a million Freemasons, amongst whom are a host of illustrious Brethren whose well-deserved fame extends over both hemispheres.

These and other, no less eminent Brethren (whose Grand Lodges also will soon recognise us) have, in their heroic advocacy of the cause of Quebec, from their rich and varied stores of learning, poured a flood of light of the history, traditions, customs, laws, and constitutions of our Fraternity anent and regular formation and rights of Grand Lodges.

The great care bestowed by these Brethren upon the consideration of the questions at issue, the patient painstaking to ascertain all the facts of case, the prompt recognition by some Grand Lodges, the delaying of final action for a time and for various reasons, on the part of others; and the manifest determination on the part of all to arrive at, and abide by, a just decision, have been most honorable to them, as well as most gratifying to us, and have given to their decisions in our favour a Masonic and moral weight and force which can neither be gainsayed nor resisted.

I therefore propose that Grand Lodge now express to these Grand Lodges and Brethren our most hearty fraternal thanks, accompanying them with the Grand Honors in most ample form.