

"The above has the ring of the true metal and we trust it may have the desired effect. Why does England persist in keeping up this spirit of discord without any material benefit to anybody? we beg to ask."

He criticises strongly the reference made to the matter by Grand Master Lawrence, of New York, to which we have already directed attention elsewhere, saying :—

"How strange that sounds, especially so, coming as it does from New York. We well remember in our Masonic youth (and we are not so old, either) of hearing the lusty voice of New York, which still sings in our ears, assailing in bitter yet righteous terms, that Masonic Freebooter, the Grand Lodge of Hamburg, for doing precisely what the Grand Lodge of New York now justifies in the invasion of Quebec. Hamburg preyed on New York's vitals. New York invoked the help of the Masonic world to forever drive the vulture from her barn-yard. Every jurisdiction on the American continent responded and lent a helping hand, and the pirate was dislodged. New York blessed her maker for being on the side of the right. Now, England feeds on Quebec, Quebec resists her beak and talons; England still insists that it is her pound of flesh. Quebec, like New York, appeals for help. The fire of indignation sweeps over the Masonic world; every Grand Lodge on our continent adds fuel to the conflagration; but to our utter astonishment, New York piously parts her coat-tail and warms herself by the destructive elements. 'Consistency, thou art a jewel.'"

M. W. BRO. JOSEPH SMITH, Grand Master.

R. W. BRO. T. M. REED, Grand Secretary.

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The forty-third Annual Communication was held in Milwaukee, on the 14th June, 1887, Grand Master Eugene S. Elliott, presiding.

The Grand Master's address, which covers thirteen pages, is an instructive and edifying paper. From it we learn that the Lodges of the jurisdiction contributed \$799, in response to the Grand Master's appeal, for the relief of the Charleston Masonic sufferers; and that the Grand Master, in company with the officers of the Grand Lodge, laid the corner stone of a soldier's monument, on the 30th May last, in the City of Berlin. The appointment as Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin near the Grand Lodge of Quebec, of our own esteemed Past Grand Master, M. W. Bro. J. Fred. Walker, is noted. Quebec's representative near Wisconsin is Brother N. M. Littlejohn.

The Grand Master is thoroughly sound in regard to the care which should be exercised in issuing dispensations for new Lodges, and, amongst other reasons therefor, he says :

"A Lodge barely strong enough to meet its running expenses is constantly tempted to make use of unfit material in its work; and when its members are obliged to assess themselves to meet such expenses, the duties which they owe to charity are too apt to be neglected."