

enjoyment of the brethren, but would stimulate inquiry and research, and a desire for perfection in all branches of Masonic work, which is at present lamentably unknown.—*Freemasons' Chronicle, London.*

ENGLISH VIEW OF THE QUEBEC DIFFICULTY.

It is well occasionally "to see ourselves as others see us," especially with respect to our American brethren and companions, whose minds are so much exercised in relation to the action taken by the Grand Chapter of Quebec. From the earliest times to the present, since the formation of the Grand Lodge of England, and the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, we have never, either as Grand Lodge or a Grand Chapter, withdrawn any warrants, save for disobedience of the laws. We, however, give the lodges and chapters full liberty to please themselves as to remaining under our jurisdiction, in the event of a Grand Lodge being formed for their province or district. If they elect to join, we wish them every prosperity. On the other hand, if they desire to continue on our roll, we raise no objections. Why should we? Certainly not because some Grand Lodges and Chapters (several being but of yesterday) support Quebec. It will be as well for the Grand Lodges in America to understand our position, and recognize our custom, of so venerable an age; as also to quote the name and the time when any really old Grand Lodge called upon any of their subordinate lodges to return their warrants unless guilty of wrong. Have England, Ireland, or Scotland, ever done so, from whom all the Grand Lodges in America, directly or indirectly, emanate? We know not.

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As the Grand Z. of England, H.R. H. the Prince of Wales, through the esteemed Grand Scribe E., declined "to withdraw all warrants of subordi-

nate chapters" on our roll existing in the Province of Quebec (which was the mild request of the Grand Z. of Quebec on October 29th, 1885), M.E. Comp. John P. Noyes, has issued an edict commanding that "all companions and members of the Grand Chapter of Quebec and its subordinate chapters, hold no Masonic intercourse for the future with any companion, in obedience to said Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England." The Grand Chapter of Louisiana has most unwisely issued an edict to the same purpose, and thus identified itself with Quebec. However, our Grand Chapter, beyond courteously acknowledging the receipt of the missives, decides to take no further notice of their communications.

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In the proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Quebec, now issued, for January 26th, 1886, in many respects a most able and readable volume, prominence is naturally given to the difficulties between it and the Mark Grand Lodge of England. In its summary of the matter, we find that no less than thirteen Grand Chapters have passed resolutions forbidding all intercourse with the "Mark Grand Lodge;" two have decided to recognize Quebec Mark certificates only, six others have endorsed the action of Quebec, seven have requested the Mark Grand Lodge to withdraw their warrants, and others have not yet intimated their decision thereon. It will thus be seen that the large number of twenty-eight Grand Chapters have, so far, supported Quebec, and doubtless "there's more to follow," a result much to be deplored, and one there surely should be a speedy remedy for. Let us remember "we are brethren."—*London Freemason.*

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The Masonic Widows' and Orphans' Home, of Louisville, Ky., has at present 188 beneficiaries, viz., 14 widows, 92 girls, and 82 boys.