

according to the system devised by that charlatan of charlatans the great degree manufacturer, Thomas S. Webb. A principle is an original power, a primality, a departure from which is violation of right and truth. Freemasons present to the world and the novitiate is instructed to believe that Freemasonry is the same and always has been the world over. From the above there will be seen that there is a difference and that the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania violated an original principle by introducing modern innovations into its system of masonic teachings. Masonry was introduced into this country from England, where there has been less change than in any other part of the world. The innovations in this system of masonry introduced by Webb and so generally adopted in the United States has necessitated entitling it, the *American system of Masonry* to distinguish it from the original. Every intelligent Freemason knows that the mark and most excellent degrees are modern, the latter manufactured by Webb. With this knowledge and a fair understanding of the history of masonry it is incomprehensible how men otherwise consistent, can, will, hold on to that which they know to be interpolated, and besides teach that no innovations can be made in masonry and cause the neophyte to believe that all its teachings are ancient. That surely is not honorable, is not honest. The stigma exists and must remain so long as the fabrications of Webb are retained, and the sooner the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania cuts off the mark and most excellent degrees, and returns to the original regime, the more consistent and truthful will her teachings be and like the Grand Chapter of England hold the high position of consistent adherence to the ancient system and teachings divested of all innovations and interpolations of modern introduction into Chapter Masonry.

THE QUEBEC RESOLUTIONS.

The following are the resolutions referred to in the circular of R. W. Bro. White, as having been passed at the recent meeting of the so-called Grand Lodge of Quebec:

Moved by R. W. Bro. Meigs, seconded by R. W. Bro. Rev. C. Clarke: Whereas the Grand Lodge of Quebec has been for the last two years the supreme Masonic authority in and for the Province of Quebec, and has been recognised as such by twenty-three Sovereign Masonic Bodies: and whereas the Grand Lodge of Canada, in violation of the well established principles of Grand Lodge supremacy, has persistently and repeatedly invaded and continues to invade the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge,—therefore be it.

RESOLVED,—That this Grand Lodge re-assert her supremacy as Sovereign Masonic authority in and for the Province of Quebec.

That all acts of the Grand Lodge of Canada, in the formation of Lodges and the issuing of duplicate Warrants, in this Province since October 20th 1869, were and are hereby declared to be irregular and an infringement of the rights of this Grand Lodge.

That the Grand Secretary be instructed to invite all lodges, that were in existence prior to October 20th 1869, in our territory, to affiliate with the Grand Lodge with the same rights and privileges as if they, the said Lodges, had assisted in the formation of this Grand Lodge.

That the Grand Master be authorized to proclaim at any time before