

Bro. Richard Vaux supplies another of his scholarly reports on correspondence, the sixteen page introduction to which is mainly a warning to the Masons of the day to beware of innovations and to continue to observe the old ways in which the fathers walked. Masonic conservatism is Bro. Vaux's forte, and he rings the changes of the old tune in melodious language, evidently determined if he is not heard, it shall not be for want of his much speaking. And, yet, there is no vain repetition in what he writes, for his vocabulary is wonderfully rich and his command of language a rare accomplishment.

His notice of Quebec is kind and fraternal. We quote his complimentary references to Grand Master Stearn's address, and to Bro. Walkem's efforts as mediator between Quebec and England:

The address of Grand Master Stearns is a clear, concise, and interesting paper, which must be very satisfactory to the Brethren of his Grand Jurisdiction. He makes some very pertinent suggestions as to the administration of the affairs of his Grand Lodge.

We cordially agree with his views as to D. D. G. M's. We believe these important officers should be appointed by the Grand Master. They ought, in the very nature of their duties, to be carefully selected. They should have the requisite Masonic knowledge and capacity to govern the action of Lodges within the lines of Masonic law. They should understand the principles of our jurisprudence. In cases of doubt, they should refer the question to the Grand Master for instruction. We find from experience that on this basis these Grand Officers may be of decided benefit to the Craft.

The Grand Master reports that the condition of the Craft is prosperous, and harmony reigns throughout the Grand Lodge.

We regret that our distinguished Brother, Past Grand Master Walkem, has not been able to report a final settlement of the difficulties between England and Quebec. We have, however, such abiding confidence in the ability and unusual fitness of our Brother for the discharge of his responsible position as umpire that we wait patiently for what he says he hopes ultimately to accomplish.

For complimentary references to our report on correspondence he has our thanks.

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