

ELEVENTH MASONIC DISTRICT, ONTARIO.

In the Oct. 1st issue of *The (London) Freemason*, there is a deservedly laudatory editorial regarding R. W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson and his labors during the past year as D. D. G. M. of the Eleventh District. This is followed by a critique, comparing and contrasting the supervisory work of "Canadian" D. D. G. M's with those of the corresponding officers, the Provincial Grand Masters,—under the Grand Lodge of England, and drawing conclusions therefrom in favor of the latter. *

In these articles, the editor of *The Freemason* uses the word "Canada" eight times, and "Canadian" four times, and in almost every instance in a sense grossly misleading to the English and foreign reader. In neither article does he use the name "Ontario"! Toronto is "Toronto, Canada,"—not "Toronto, Ontario, Canada"! To complete the not infrequent English letter superscription "burlesque,"—the writer should have said,—"Toronto, Canada, United States, America"! The writer also, like many others in England, speaks correctly enough of "the Grand Lodges of the United States" but he does not appear to think there is any propriety or necessity to speak of "the Grand Lodges of Canada," which we courteously beg to inform him are:—"The Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island,"—"the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia,"—"the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick,"—"the Grand Lodge of Quebec,"—"the Grand Lodge of 'Canada' in Ontario,"—"the Grand Lodge of Manitoba," and "the

Grand Lodge of 'British' Columbia"! These at present are the Grand Lodges of Canada. Others will be added thereto ere long. * * *

In another issue of *The Freemason* the same writer honestly confesses that,—

"We in England are so apt to be engrossed with our own business that but little time is allowed us for making ourselves acquainted with the doings of our Colonial lodges and brethren."

Truer words were never spoken, and yet who are often more dogmatic or indulge more in superior superiority utterances ament "Colonial" Masons and "Colonial" Masonic matters than—"We in England"? Let us, however, remember that even if we are "Canadians," we are in the estimation of our "English" brethren, but "Colonists"! and further, we must not be over fastidious as to their use, or rather misuse of words—because the words "Britain," "British," and "Great Britain" even, are fast becoming "obsolete" and "England" and "English" are the proper terms to be used by "us in England,"—"don't you know"?

But, let us be just to ourselves and generous to our good "English" brethren. Let us desist from the mis-use of the words,—“Canada” and “Canadians,” and then we may expect our “British” brethren to cease designating us as “Colonists” and “Colonial Masons,” which so far as we are concerned, are terms applicable to a condition of things, which we trust Masonically and otherwise, has happily and forever passed away.

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"We are wearing awa to the Land o' the Leal!" (Burns.)