

of visiting the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts, then in session, and of which I have the honor of being the Grand Representative near this Grand Chapter. I was fraternally received and heartily welcomed with all possible honor by that Grand Chapter as the chief officer of this Grand Chapter.

"On the 2nd instant I again had the pleasure of renewing my acquaintance with the Grand High Priest of the Supreme Grand Chapter of the United States, the Grand High Priest of Massachusetts, and other distinguished member of the order, at the 1428th convocation of St. Andrew's Chapter, No. 1, when, as your chief executive, I was again the subject of their kind hospitality and fraternal attentions."

The remaining portion of his address on Foreign Relations is so important that we give it in full:—

Our relations with the sister Grand Chapters on this continent are of the most satisfactory character, but with some of those abroad there are difficulties which I regret to say disturb the peace and harmony of Capitular Masonry in this Province.

GRAND MARK LODGE OF ENGLAND, ETC.

In October last fraternal relations between this Grand Chapter and that Grand Lodge were severed by an edict to that effect issued by me after a sufficient notice and after remonstrances had been duly made by and on behalf of this Grand Chapter. The correspondence and documents, *pro* and *con*, will be laid before you (See Appendix A), and I trust will receive that consideration at your hands which their vital importance deserves. Their length precludes their insertion herein, and I earnestly trust that each R. A. Mason within the jurisdiction will carefully peruse them in order to inform himself as to the situation of affairs, and the causes which have led to the course adopted.

It might not be amiss to leave the matter without further reference, but as the officers of the Grand Lodge of

M. M. M. of England and Wales, &c., have criticised to some extent my action, and the idea has been conveyed to some of the sister Grand Chapters that I had proceeded too hastily in severing relations with that Grand Lodge, it is but just and proper that I should render to you an account of my official action, and justify the course pursued in this unpleasant matter, in order that you may be enabled to arrive at a conclusion therein.

I was not ignorant of the past history of the difficulties between the craft in Canada and Quebec on the one hand and the Grand Bodies of the mother country on the other, in the formation of the Grand Lodges and Grand Chapters in Canada and Quebec, and the procrastinating policy of those Grand Bodies in the mother country. The proceedings of the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter of Canada, and of the same bodies in this Province, are garnished with sufficient correspondence, reports, &c., to indicate to me that I had no reason to expect treatment more frank or fraternal than had been vouchsafed to Canadian Masons heretofore. The concessions obtained in the past were long contended for and grudgingly granted. There was an utter disregard displayed throughout of our rights or of our feelings, and no matter how cautious and prudent the proceedings on this side, or how considerate of our trans-atlantic brethren, we have always been met with a stolid indifference that amounted almost, if not quite, to incivility and contempt. Not to go back to the early days of the struggles for Masonic independence for an example, but taking one near at hand, you will find a warrant for my statement in the correspondence with the Grand Chapter of England published as an Appendix A in our proceedings for 1889. To a letter written on the 28th April, 1880, a reply was sent on the 10th of August following. To one sent by our Grand Scribe E. on the 18th Oc-