

the composition of the committee appointed on the Grand Master's address at the December meeting, and as to the feeling which prompted that selection, and in proof of this we refer to the published list; his insinuation of "*the ring*" we regard as peculiarly injudicious, and not warranted by facts. With this comment, which we feel it our duty to make, we leave Bro. Murray's letter to the judgment of our readers.

There are many points in the letter of Bro. Klotz which require remark, but, for the reason already assigned, we must be very brief. We would desire, however, to dispute the correctness of the deduction which he draws from the quotation from Grand Master Simpson's address. The *right* of the Grand Lodge of Canada to constitute lodges both in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, at any time prior to the formation of their Grand Lodges, has never been disputed; therefore, Confederation *per se* could not in any way affect that right. We must also say that we consider Bro. Klotz equally unfortunate in his interpretation of G. M. Wilson's remarks on the possible effects which might follow Confederation; these were well understood at the time, and to us his meaning is plain and simple. He merely says that Confederation must, to some extent, affect our Grand Lodge, because we are now politically united with other Provinces, in one of which there is already a Grand Lodge, which is quite as much a Grand Lodge of Canada as we are. He does not by any means admit that the G. L. of Nova Scotia is as much *the* G. L. of Canada as we are. How this argument of Bro. Klotz's strengthens his case, we entirely fail to discover. He then states that the Committee to whom this part of the address was referred reported in favor of a Dominion Grand Lodge. Now what is the fact? The Committee reported that *the interest of masonry required that, the present position, standing, and name of this Grand Lodge be maintained*, and expressed a hope that, *eventually*, the other provinces might unite with us in securing a harmonious and supreme masonic government in Canada! We at once join issue also in his assertion that it was ever admitted that Confederation extended the jurisdiction of our Grand Lodge, or that G. M. Wilson ever conceded the right of *any* Grand Lodge to establish lodges within our jurisdiction. The remainder of this voluminous letter is devoted to a review of the address of our M. W. G. M., which requires no special comment from us. Bro. Klotz, however could not allow the opportunity of mounting his old hobby, "the right of appeal from the chair," to pass unnoticed, and he favors us with his views on this question; we are a little surprised that so ardent an admirer of Dr. Mackey should venture to dispute his high authority on this point. Here is what is said in his book on masonic law:—"An appeal from the decision of the Grand Master is an anomaly at war with every principle of Freemasonry, and, as such, not for a moment to be tolerated or countenanced, &c.," but *quantum sufficit*.