

the opinion that, in all probability, the ultimate decision of the whole matter, will to a great extent depend upon the action to be taken by the Grand Lodge of Canada, at the next meeting of that Most Worshipful Body.

The Grand Lodge of Canada has already decided that the Masons of the Province of Quebec had *no constitutional right* to form a Grand Lodge; for the simple but sufficient reason that they were within their territorial jurisdiction. We have neither space nor inclination to repeat the proofs already adduced in support of this fact, that the Grand Lodge of Canada did, and still does, legally hold supreme masonic authority over the Province of Quebec. Of course we cannot deny that many of our Lodges in that Province have withdrawn from their allegiance, and have repudiated the authority of our Grand Lodge; but their mere assumption of a *right* to do so, neither establishes the legality of their claim nor the correctness of the position which they have ventured to assume.

We have also before us a "Statement" concerning the new Body, intended to serve as a supplement to the various addresses previously issued by them to all Grand Lodges. This "Statement" is sanctioned by the signature of Bro. Graham, as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Quebec. It is largely composed of extracts, taken from the addresses and speeches of the Present and Past Grand Masters of our Grand Lodge. From these, the writer draws many conclusions and inferences, favorable, as he supposes, to the correctness of the position assumed by himself, and those who are acting with him. Now, with all respect for those brethren, we must enter our protest against the practice which seems to prevail of either condemning or approving of certain acts, simply because a Grand Master said or did something. Mere casual conversations on the streets, or in a railway car, or in speeches delivered at masonic banquets or elsewhere, are now dragged in for the purpose of establishing pet theories. Grand Masters are *not infallible* (we hope it is no treason to say so), and Grand Lodges can only be bound by their own act and authority. The Annual Address delivered by a Grand Master, while it generally contains much that is of interest to the craft, and many valuable suggestions for their consideration, has no especial weight or authority that we are aware of, until it has been approved, and the suggestions adopted by Grand Lodge. We have no intention of reviewing this supplementary address at present. It has been extensively circulated among the fraternity of Ontario, and we leave it to the unbiased judgment of those who have sufficient leisure to devote to its perusal. We would, however, call their attention to the very unfair spirit displayed by the writer, in attempting to create a prejudice against Grand Secretary Harris. We feel, however, that Bro. Harris stands too high in the estimation of the brethren generally, to require any endorsement from us. His whole time is devoted to the