

our Grand Master are not worth so much waste paper. This unrecognized English Masonic body coolly invades the jurisdiction of Quebec. But we deserve it. We submit, and cringe, and bow to these English nabobs, and then wonder they turn and very properly spurn us with their feet.

AT LAST.

At last a Toronto contemporary has come out in its true colors with regard to the permanent Grand Master. It is to be a local fight. This is the lowest line of argument that could be brought forward. It says, "Toronto must have the permanent Grand Master, and let Hamilton keep what she has," and then menacingly adds, "we warn the western brethren against too strongly urging the claims of Bro. Murray, for a sectional struggle may be the result." Are we to understand from this that our contemporary means to say that because the present able Chairman of the Board of General Purposes does not, forsooth reside in Toronto, his claims are to be ignored, and his long labors in the cause of Masonry thrown amongst the rubbish, for some of "the mock blue-blood aristocracy" of the Queen City of the West? When the present distinguished head of the craft retires from the Grand East, we know Bro. Murray will receive an overwhelming majority of votes for the position. In fact, there are very few who incline to the proposition of throwing aside a worthy officer, entitled to the position, because certain parties wish to be the "cabal" of Grand Lodge

for the next "period of three, five or ten years."

We have no prejudices with regard to locality. It is a perfect matter of indifference to us where the Grand Master resides, and it is most absurd to say that because Bro. Mason and Bro. Murray reside in Hamilton, that city is not (so long as these brethren hold office in Grand Lodge) to have the privilege of being represented by the head of the Craft. The journal referred to, however, has at last given expression to its *animus* when it proclaims, "We will strongly oppose a Hamilton trio running the Masonic affairs of this province, and our following will be one that we will not be ashamed of." All we can say is, that such a following would be one based on local prejudices, and imbued with those sycophantish, cringing tendencies that are so peculiarly characteristic of a certain class of office-seekers and tuft hunters. We are glad to note the brethren in the east are an unit with their fratres in the west on this question.

PHYSICAL QUALIFICATIONS.

We clip the following from the *Masonic Advocate*, and it is so thoroughly based on sound common sense that we hope every Mason in the Dominion will not only read it, but act up to it. We admit a man too often who has many acknowledged defects in his moral character, because we hope that Freemasonry will rectify these, but we shudder at the idea of a man being received within our sacred precincts who has a cataract in one eye, has lost a little finger, or is minus a toe. He may be thoroughly upright, strict-