

expression and a broad liberality of thought. It is, therefore, most important that this matter should be decided in a calm and impartial spirit. It is natural the M.: W.:, the Grand Master of Canada, should dislike during his administration to see the Lodges within the Province from which he hails, secede; and, on the other hand, it is equally probable that the sentence of Suspension passed upon a number of the most prominent members of the Craft in that portion of the Dominion, should have irritated and annoyed hundreds of our Brethren there; but the grand landmarks of our Institution will yet vindicate themselves and prove that ours is a Fraternity, true to the noble principles of BROTHERLY LOVE, RELIEF and TRUTH.

The foundation of Freemasonry cannot be shaken by these petty, frivolous jealousies that are innate to man's nature. Our whole history shows, that though we frequently err and too often forget our precepts, yet at last the lessons taught in our lectures prevail, and so we believe will be the case in this instance. We cannot, and do not believe, that after mature deliberation and calm reflection, the Masonic Fraternity of Ontario desire to force the Grand Lodge of Canada upon the Brethren of Quebec, and we moreover feel certain, that if we did attempt any such piece of despotism, that it would avail nothing, and only produce rancor and bitterness of feeling, which would last for years, and do a vast amount of injury to the GLORIOUS CAUSE OF FREEMASONRY.

We urge then, upon every lodge in Ontario, the importance of a free discussion of this matter. It is absolutely necessary that every Entered Apprentice in the Province should thoroughly understand the position of affairs. We must weigh well the consequences of a refusal of recognition and a continuance of the suspension of the leading Masons of a Sister Province. Other Grand Lodges will, sooner or later, recognise them, and *we believe no power on earth can force them into the fold of the Grand Lodge of Canada. Already the trumpet of war has been sounded, and each party before July will have martialled its forces. Upon our action at the next session of Grand Lodge, will rest the onus of a refusal of recognition, or the honor of being the first in the great Sisterhood of Grand Lodges to recognise OUR OWN OFFSPRING—BONE OF OUR BONE, AND FLESH OF OUR FLESH.*

In conclusion, we would remind our readers that at one time the Grand Lodge of England refused to recognise us, and the result was that for a period, we were in a similar position to that in which our Quebec Brethren are now placed. It behoves us, therefore, to be very careful in judging others, who, to all intents and purposes, are acting in exactly a similar manner to that in which we ourselves participated at the formation of the Grand Lodge of Canada. We feel sorry to lose our brethren from our own Grand Lodge; we shall miss many a well-known face, but we shall feel when once we recognise them, that we shall always meet with a warm and cordial welcome when we visit the Lodges of our Sister Province. LET