

It appears to me that the period has now arrived when it is due, not only to the Grand Lodge of Quebec itself, but, in a greater degree, due to the sister Grand Lodges of the world who have acknowledged our supreme jurisdiction in this Province, that pressure should be legitimately brought to bear on the two Grand Lodges interested, in order that the present anomalous condition of affairs should no longer be allowed to exist. With reference to this question, I would like to call attention to the following remarks, taken from the last-issued proceedings of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York; they occur in the review of the proceedings of our Grand Lodge, when referring to the position taken by us, and run thus:—
 "The Grand Lodge of Quebec has been recognised as a just and duly constituted Grand Lodge; therefore, under the American doctrine, it has sole and exclusive jurisdiction in the territory in which it is located, and we hope, as we said last year, that it will stand up for its rights to the very end of extremity."

I have also to express a hope that the question of dual membership, which has caused so much trouble and irritation amongst our various Lodges, will be so disposed of at the approaching Communication of the Grand Lodge as materially to tend to the increase of harmony, strength and prosperity throughout our entire jurisdiction.

I cannot close my report without expressing my appreciation of the valuable assistance rendered to me in the discharge of my official duties by W. Bro. John Ion, the W. M. of Victoria Lodge, No. 26, who was kind enough to accept the office of District Secretary. I would also desire to offer my thanks to the many R. W. Brethren, W. Brethren and Brethren for their invaluable support and assistance so invariably rendered to me in my visits to town and country Lodges; and to all the Brethren of the District, whose reception and treatment of me in my official capacity has been at all times of the most cordial and fraternal character, rendering my visits and work amongst them a labor of love, I render my sincerest thanks.

I regret to have to report that during my term of office the following Brethren of this District have been removed from their earthly labors by the hand of Death:—

Antiquity Lodge, No. 1, Bro. T. Lockhart Cameron.
 St. George's Lodge, No. 10, Bro. P. Husson.
 St. George's Lodge, No. 11, Bro. James Leslie.
 Kilwinning Lodge, No. 20, Bro. George Lynch, P. W.
 Kilwinning Lodge, No. 20, W. Bro. James Gibson, P. M.
 Kilwinning Lodge, No. 20, Bro. Henry Pearson.
 Royal Albert Lodge, No. 25, Bro. E. K. Patton, M.D.
 St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 53, Bro. James McCormick.

The Craft in the city of Montreal have also to regret the loss of an old and valued servant in the death of our late Bro. Robert Colquhoun, who acted for many years past as Tyler for several of the Montreal Lodges.

The circumstances attendant on the death of Bro. Geo. Lynch, S. W. of Kilwinning Lodge, who lost his life at the fire in St. Urbain street, endeavoring to save the lives of others, were of such a nature as greatly to excite the public mind. I therefore considered it well to request the Brethren of Montreal District generally, to assist the members of Kilwin-