

Grand Lodge, the Royal York, as a member of the Grand Lodge League of Germany, holds relations with bodies considered clandestine by us, and will not recognize here the doctrine of Grand Lodge sovereignty. It was with great regret, that I found myself compelled to come to this resolution with reference to so respectable a body, and especially because the communication referred to was signed by that eminent Mason, Grand Master Herrig."

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES NOT ATTENDING TO THEIR DUTIES.

LOUISIANA, 1882.—Grand Master Whitaker says : "Many of our Representatives seldom attend the sessions of the Grand Lodges to which they are accredited. I offer the suggestion that it would be well to withdraw the commissions of those who habitually neglect to represent us, or who are absent from their Grand Lodges for two successive annual communications, without proper explanation."

RIGHTS OF A GRAND MASTER TO ENTER A LODGE.

TEXAS, 1881.—Grand Master McLeary says : "During the summer I paid an official visit to Austin Lodge, No. 12, and waited a little while in the ante-room while some other brethren entered ; and while sitting there R. W. Bro. J. W. Stalnaker, D. D. G. M. ninth District, and a member of Austin Lodge, came out and informed me that the lodge was ready to receive me as Grand Master. I arose to accompany him, and he offered to give the alarm, but I forbid him so to do, and instructed him that such a course was not usual and proper on a visit from the Grand Master. He said I could not enter otherwise. I told him I could, and opened the door and walked in, was properly received, and before resuming work Bro. Stalnaker raised the question as to whether the Grand Master had a right to enter the lodge without giving the alarm ; and I then and there decided that when the Grand Master is personally known to the tyler to be such, he has a right to enter any subordinate lodge while at labor, and no tyler, or other officer, has a right to refuse him admittance, and no permission from the Master of the subordinate lodge is necessary."

In the report of the committee on masonic jurisprudence, to which this matter was referred, and which report was adopted by the Grand Lodge, we find the following :

"The right to visit and inspect belongs to none but the Grand Master and his representatives. When he asserts it in his official capacity, he is no suppliant seeking permission of the master of a lodge to enter. He goes there of right, as the constitutional executive representative of the Grand Lodge, charged with the execution of official duty—of right as the Grand Master of Masons in his State, clothed by the inherent prerogative of the office, by precedent and usage existing for more than nine hundred years, with the right to visit any and every lodge of Craft Masons in his jurisdiction wheresoever and whensoever held.

"Your committee are of the opinion that the tyler is vested with no discretion in the performance of his duties, and that he must announce every one presenting