

MONTREAL, 13th Oct., 1871.

ROBERT RAMSAY, Esq.,

SIR AND W. BRO.,—When I received your reply to my request that you would give me the authority you had for the statement made in your August number, published in September, that I had refused to move in the Quebec difficulty, I made up my mind to defer further notice of the matter until after the meetings and conferences connected with that subject were over. That time has arrived, and I seize the earliest opportunity to refer to the subject again.

You say in your reply that several from Montreal, including R. W. Bro. Isaacson, said that since my amendment was not carried the matter must remain in Racicot and Pickell's hands. In the first place I moved no amendment. The amendment came from Bro. Racicot. In the second place I am authorised by R. W. Bro. Isaacson to say that he never gave you any such information, his communication to you being the very reverse of that attributed to him. And in the third place, I have authority of Brethren in Montreal, who attended the meeting of Grand Chapter in Hamilton, which took place three weeks before the appearance of the *Gavel* with the injurious imputation upon my honour as a gentleman, for saying that you were there informed that I had actually called a meeting of leading Montreal masons for the very evening upon which the Grand Chapter met, with the object of consulting as to the best means of carrying out the resolution of Grand Lodge. I therefore charge you with having knowingly falsely imputed to me a violation of my pledges, made on the floor of Grand Lodge, where I stated my acceptance of the resolution of Bro. Racicot, and my determination to do everything in my power, within its terms, to restore harmony to the craft.

I cannot congratulate you upon the moral obliquity which prevented your seeing an "attack" in such an imputation. Had I refused to move, as you charged me with doing, I should have been guilty of conduct dishonourable to me as a man and a mason.

The words "brotherly love" flow glibly from your pen. I have not time at this writing to inquire into your right to use them as you do; but I propose to myself the task of dealing with that matter in another communication, meanwhile, as this is a public matter, I propose making this correspondence public.

Yours &c,

THOS. WHITE, Jr.,

D. G. M.

CHICAGO MASONIC RELIEF FUND.

We have pleasure in publishing the following communication addressed to M. W. Bro. Seymour, having reference to the appointment of a Masonic Board of Relief at Chicago, and also to the donation by the Grand Lodge of Canada.

MASONIC TEMPLE, CHICAGO, Oct. 14th 1871.

Most W. G. M. James Seymour,
St. Catharines, Ontario, Canada.

Most Worshipful and Dear Bro,

Your telegram of date 13th Inst., warms the great Masonic heart, evidencing as it does the genuine sympathy, of our venerated and noble order. To meet the wants of the hour and provide for permanent relief to the sufferers by our late conflagration, by virtue of my office I have appointed and constituted a "Masonic Board of Relief," of which Bro Wiley M. Egan is the Treasurer. In accordance with your telegram I draw on Bro. Henry Groff, Grand Treas., Simcoe, Canada, for Two Thousand Dollars in gold, in favor of Wiley M. Egan Treasurer. May God bless you and yours, and enable us to repay by lasting gratitude, if not in kind and coin, your generous bounty. I have the honor to be,

Yours very respectfully
and fraternally.

D. C. CREGIER,

Grand Master of Masons of Illinois.

In its report of the proceedings of the so-called Grand Lodge of Quebec, *Pomeroy's Democrat* says:

"At this time the announcement was made that the M. W. Bro. T. D. Harington,