

gotten in our case. There is one chance remaining to the Grand Lodge of Quebec to enforce her legitimate rights. But the members of Grand Lodge think it will on or before the next session of Grand Lodge in Montreal. Do not again throw the control of your destiny in the hands of any one man, no matter to how high a position you may have exalted him. Remember, decided action has been kept back year after year by some vague, undefined phantasmagoria that was about to happen in the near future, and that was to put matters right, and now this will-o'-the-wisp seems as far off as ever. Let us test practically the doctrine of Grand Lodge supremacy, and let the Grand Lodges of the world maintain it or not, as they please. If it cannot be maintained, let it be dropped, and then hurrah for chaos! but as far as we are concerned, let there be no more fooling with the question. It is not one of solely provincial interest. It affects the craft at large. It is our responsibility to issue the mandate; it is the responsibility of the other Grand Lodges to see it carried into effect. With their action we have nothing to do. If we do our duty to the craft, no doubt they will do theirs; at any rate let us give them the chance. The secular press shows us, from time to time, how American Masons, God bless them, are backing up the Grand Z. in his action. The Grand Lodge of England is violating our Grand Lodge Constitution; the Grand Mark Lodge is doing no more than a violation with the Constitution of the Grand Chapter. Lord Hgn-ecker shows in his correspondence how, from his standpoint, the establishment of Mark Lodges here is a necessity for the English Craft Masons. If our Grand Masters had done their duty, no such necessity would exist, for we would have no English Craft Masons here. So then, it seems it is our Grand Masters who have brought this trouble on our Grand Chapter and our Grand Z.

Everything urges to immediate action. Why is it not taken? In default, let us do it ourselves. Let the rank and file show that they are no longer to be trifled with. Let us at next meeting of Grand Lodge pass a resolution enjoining non-intercourse, and call on the Grand Lodges of the world to sustain our action. This will obviate the necessity of a proclamation from the Grand Master, at the same time having all the effect of one. No doubt such a course of action would be distasteful to the A. & A. Rite men, who seem to be running lodges, chapters, and Grand Lodges, &c., for their own benefit; but then, Craft Masons are not bound in any way to consider the interests of any side show, if they conflict with the interests of Craft Masonry. It is about time it was understood, as was declared in the articles of union in 1813: "That Masonry consists of three (3) degrees, and no more." Very little doubt exists in the minds of some brethren, that if only the interests of Craft Masonry had been consulted in the past, our difficulties would long ago have been settled. OSIRIS.

A PERMANENT GRAND MASTER.

To the Editor of THE CANADIAN CRAFTSMAN.

DEAR SIR AND R. W. BRO.—I, with many others in Toronto, am very much surprised at your taking up the subject of the election of a "permanent Grand Master" seriously. Here, the subject is only referred to to be condemned, and those who advocate it have neither following nor influence. It is true, M. W. Bro. Kerr's name has been made use of, but I feel confident without his consent. What object there can be in agitating this question I cannot understand, for I feel sure none of those who pretend to favor so radical a change will venture to mention the subject in Grand Lodge. It seems to me that some people are disposed to discuss Masonic affairs very much after the style that our secular press deal with