

clear that Canada either belongs to our own jurisdiction, or is entitled to a Supreme Council of her own. We have waived our claim, and have heretofore acquiesced in the exercise of jurisdiction by England. Whether that shall be temporary under the second section of Article XIII of the Constitutions of 1786, or shall be permanent, is a question upon which I give no opinion; but an examination of those Constitutions shows that concurrent jurisdiction is utterly at variance with the fundamental principles of the Rite. A Supreme Council formed in a country becomes *ipso facto*, possessed of the entirety of the Masonic authority wherewith his august Majesty is now invested," say our Constitutions, "and each may thenceforward exercise that authority whenever necessary, and everywhere soever throughout the whole extent of country under its jurisdiction." Can two such bodies, with such powers, exist in the same "extent of country?" But the Constitutions go further. They authorize a Supreme Council to delegate power to a Deputy to "establish, regulate and superintend lodges and councils in any of the degrees, from the fourth to the twenty ninth inclusive, *in places where there are no lodges or councils of the Sublime Degrees legally constituted.*" In unoccupied territory, therefore, the first possessor acquires exclusive jurisdiction until a Supreme Court is formed.

I am happy to learn that the Supreme Councils of Scotland and England have been fraternally corresponding with each other with a view of settling the matter by treaty.

But, pending the negotiations, the Supreme Council of England has forbidden the Masons of its obedience from recognizing the body established by the Supreme Council of Scotland at St. John, New Brunswick.

In May last Maine Consistory received the applications of five Knights of Rose Croix, residing in St John, for the degrees from the nineteenth to the thirty-second inclusive. They presented the consent and recommendation of T. Douglas Harrington, 33°, of Canada, the Deputy of the Supreme Council of England in the Dominion. I decided that the authority was sufficient, and the applicants were accepted and received the degrees. Three of them have since been elected by the Supreme Council of England, etc., to receive the thirty-third grade, and I am in the receipt of a letter from the Supreme Council thanking me for complying with Bro. Harrington's request, and further requesting me to confer the grade *in extenso* upon the three designates. It was expected at one time that the Brethren would attend this session of the Supreme Council to receive the grade, but my later advices are that it will not be practicable for them to do so.

IN MEMORIAM.

It is with feelings of deep regret that we record the death of an old inhabitant of the County of Haldimand, Joseph Cornick, father of Bro. Samuel Cornick of this village, who died here on Sunday the 28th of July, at the great age of 84.

For the past thirty years, he had lived on the Grand River, and was known and esteemed by most of the old residents of this section.

To the Masonic Fraternity, not only in this county, but throughout the whole length and breadth of the old Hamilton District, his name