

self-opinionated manner, we might probably avoid being suspected by Bro. Vaux of only *trying to believe them*. We prefer not to err upon the side of dogmatism.\* Yet we trust that our expression of opinion is usually sufficiently firm. We have given it before, so far as the question of physical disqualification is concerned, and therefore refrain from replying again to Bro. Vaux in this place.

Our good Brother makes kindly reference to Quebec's proceedings. There is a slip of the pen in connection with the mention of our mediator in the Quebec-England matter. He gives the honor that belongs to M. W. Bro. Walkem, of Canada, in this connection, to our own esteemed Past Grand Master Bro. J. Fred Walker. But this is not surprising. Bro. Walker is a favorite with the Brethren of Pennsylvania. He represents their Grand Lodge near his own, and left behind him in Philadelphia, in 1886, most agreeable memories.

In his concluding remarks Bro. Vaux expresses regret that defects should appear in his work. In view of the difficulties under which he has labored, and the limited time available for the preparation of his report, it is really remarkable what he has been able to achieve. He has our congratulations thereupon. We again extend to him our earnest appreciation of his great qualities and the assurance of our admiration and love.

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*Grand Master.*

R. W. BRO. MICHAEL NISBET,  
*Grand Secretary.*

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**W**E HAVE the volume of proceedings of this Grand Lodge for 1891 also, but it has come to hand so late, that we can but give it a brief and passing notice.

Nothing of special importance to Masons outside of Pennsylvania was legislated upon at the Communications during the year.

The present membership of subordinate lodges is 42,412.