

are not left to surmise; Bro. Graham, who is at the head of the Quebec movement has not hesitated to declare that recognition, on the basis of a divided responsibility, would not be acceptable. There is therefore reason for congratulation that the resolution was voted down by Grand Lodge, as assuredly a rejection of terms of recognition, offered in apparent concert with the so-called Grand Lodge of Quebec, by that body, would have rendered more complicated, and more difficult of settlement, a question which already presents too many points of embarrassment.

It is important, therefore, that our brethren who favour the recognition of the so-called Grand Lodge of Quebec, should fairly consider this point. There can be no recognition, reserving a *quasi* jurisdiction within the territory given up. What is more, it is not desirable that there should be any perpetuation of divided jurisdiction. There are but two solutions of the question: either an abandonment of their own hasty movement by the Quebec brethren and the reunion of all the Lodges under the Grand Lodge of Canada, or the complete recognition of the so-called Grand Lodge of Quebec, and the absolute withdrawal of jurisdiction over any lodge within the territory. That is the position of the question, and it will be a great misfortune, if the subject is brought up at all, should those bringing it up, and Grand Lodge itself, fail to appreciate this fact.

QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY.

A GREAT DEMONSTRATION AT BRANTFORD.—THE CORNER STONE OF THE ASYLUM FOR THE BLIND LAID WITH MASONIC CEREMONIES, &c., &c.

The preparations made for the celebration of Her Majesty's Birthday on the 24th of May last, were of a character calculated long to be remembered by the townspeople of Brantford, for in addition to the ordinary amusements adopted for giving expressions of loyalty and attachment to our gracious Queen whom all Canadians love and revere, arrangements had been made on an extensive scale for the performance of the ceremony of the laying the corner stone of the Asylum for the Blind now being erected by the Ontario Government in that town. The site of the building is well chosen on an elevation commanding an extensive view of the town and surrounding country, and the building when completed will be an ornament to the locality.

A little before high twelve the trains from Paris brought many of the invited guests who were expected to take part in the day's proceedings and it is to be regretted that any disappointment should have been felt through the want of foresight in the party having charge of preparing the programme by calling out the national and other societies at 10 a. m. instead of 12 noon as previously agreed upon, and therefore no blame or want of courtesy should attach to the masonic fraternity for this oversight.

The Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Canada was opened at 12.30 with the following Grand Officers:—

M. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson, Grand Master; R. W. Bro. P. J. Brown, as Deputy Grand Master; R. W. Bro. Brackstone Baker, Secretary of