

details upon this subject, I refer you to the report of your Committee on Foreign Correspondence." And by reference to the report, we observe that the Committee, after referring to the subject, say: "that the history of this movement shows it to be the most barefaced attempt at Masonic fraud that we could conceive of; and the Grand Lodge of Canada very properly expelled all those engaged in it." A resolution was accordingly passed instructing Subordinate Lodges in the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Mississippi to hold no Masonic intercourse with the so-called Grand Lodge of Ontario, nor with any one hailing therefrom. A fraternal recognition was extended to the Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island. M. W. Bro. John Y. Murry was re-elected Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. J. L. Power, re-elected Grand Secretary.

NEW YORK.—The ninety-sixth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York was held at the new Temple in the City of New York, on Tuesday, June 5th. The Grand Secretary's report showed the receipts for the year to be \$97,939; number of warranted Lodges on the roll, 714; total number of affiliated brethren, 83,534. M. W. Bro. Husted was nominated for re-election as Grand Master, but declining re-election, R. W. Bro. Joseph J. Couch was unanimously elected to that honorable office, and M. W. Bro. James M. Austin was re-elected (for the twenty-fifth time), Grand Secretary. A resolution was offered appointing a Committee to procure a suitable testimonial for the retiring Grand Master, but the R. W. Bro. said that while he thanked the mover for the kind expression contained in the resolution, he must respectfully ask him to withdraw it. He was perfectly satisfied with the approbation received from the lips and hearts of his Brethren in that Grand Body. Such approbation was his surest, greatest, and best reward. But these,

he said are times of economy, times of poverty, and I will not take one *single dollar* from the Grand Lodge. I do not say this for vain glory. I would be happy to receive any compliment from my Brethren, but every dollar is needed for the Hall and Asylum Fund. I have been a member of this Grand Lodge since 1858, but I never received one dollar for services, not one dollar for expenses, not one dollar as per diem allowance, and I do not wish to change that resolution now.

The Power of the Gavel.

Hon. L. Bradford Prince delivered a lecture in Brooklyn a few evenings ago on masonry. In the course of his remarks he said: Masonry teaches respect for authority and equality of all men. The prince has to take the same obligations and travel the same road as the humblest. They are equal in the lodge room. Man stands where his own worth places him. The gavel he held in his hand was the symbol of power, which must be obeyed. The master in this lodge was a perfect autocrat, and the brethren must obey. A certain number of blows of the gavel on the marble stand by the master would make every mason stand or sit down. The number of blows was the same the world over. An anecdote was told of this power of the gavel. In a certain lodge and a certain city which should be nameless, the master gave the number of blows on the marble stand, as prescribed, to bring the members of the lodge to their feet. They rose as one man. The master also attempted to rise, but in doing so his low back chair became unsettled, and in consequence, he fell out of the window and was killed. The masons remained standing. Thirty-two years after the lodge room was entered, and the skeletons of the masons were found stationery and in the same position as they were when the master of the lodge tumbled out of the window, because no order came from the east to them to be seated.