

The circular goes on to observe: "Of the 10 Lodges who, as stated in their published report, voted with the body, there were delegates from two belonging to this Grand Lodge---the mover and seconder of an amendment to the original motion respecting the formation of an independent Grand Lodge, made at the said Convention---who did not vote in its favor." Even if this be so, what does it establish? Why, the mighty fact that instead of one adverse vote, there were two, to the formation of a Grand Lodge of Canada, in the largest Masonic Convention ever held to form a Grand Lodge.

The next assertion of the Circular contains more truth than there is in all the others put together, for in it, amongst a bushel of chaff there is about one pure grain of wheat, it says:---"And this Grand Lodge has since ascertained that, in a great many instances, the delegates who voted in favor of the movement on returning to their Lodges were not sustained in the action they had taken." We believe, in one or two instances, this was the case, and wishing to be generous we readily give to the expiring Pro. Grand Lodge of Canada West those backsliding Lodges, and that the more willingly as one of them has never, since it was constituted, paid one farthing of Grand Lodge or other dues to any governing body.

Is Bro. Richardson, the Pro. Grand Secretary, or is the Pro. Grand Lodge itself, or Bro. Moore of the *Boston Freemason Monthly Magazine*, or Mr. J. H. S. (singular initials those) prepared to deny what we have here written? if so, let us hear from them or any of them, we promise their reply an insertion in the *Pioneer*, if ever they make one.

Our readers will scarcely expect us at the present time to follow J. H. S. through five closely printed folios, equally bare of facts as the Circular above alluded to, indeed, were we disposed to do so, our space would not admit of such an undertaking. In conclusion, we take the opportunity of begging the attention of our readers to the resolutions recommended by the Committee nominated by the Grand Lodge of Maine, to consider the address of the Grand Lodge of Canada, and the action taken by that body on those resolutions, this Grand Lodge being one of those which J. H. S. says, declines to recognize us. These resolutions will appear in our next issue.

EASTERN TOWNSHIP'S MASONIC DISTRICT.
---R. W. Bro. the Rev. J. Scott, P. M. of Prevost Lodge, Dunham has been appointed District Deputy Grand Master for this District. The District comprises all that portion of Eastern Canada, South East of the Richelieu, and St. Lawrence Rivers, and has at present within its limits six flourishing Lodges, viz: Nelson, Prevost, Golden Rule, Shefford, St. Francis, and Victoria. These are all affiliat-

ed with the Grand Lodge of Canada, and enjoying much prosperity and perfect harmony. The best men of the Townships compose the membership of these Lodges, and under the able supervision of their highly esteemed D.D.G.M. there can be no doubt of their continued advancement.

The Brethren of the Eastern Section of the Province, hailing from the Grand Lodge of Canada, have been gratified by a recent visit from the M. W. the Grand Master, Bro. W. M. Wilson. That illustrious Bro. arrived at Montreal on Wednesday last, the 17th ultimo. On the following evening a Special Meeting of Zetland Lodge was called to receive the G. M., at which the members of the other Lodges were invited to attend. The Lodge-room was much crowded on the occasion. R. W. Bro. P. D. Brown, the D. D. G. M. for the District of Montreal, presented Bro. Wilson with the following Address:—

Col. Wm. Mercer Wilson, Grand Master of ancient, free, and accepted masons of Canada.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brother,—The masons of Montreal, in connection with Lodges under your jurisdiction, have done me the honor of entrusting to me the pleasing duty of extending to you a cordial welcome to our City and Lodges on the occasion of this your first official visit.

We heartily congratulate you upon having been placed at the head of that body of masons in this Province, which will ever stand a monument of the zeal and honest enterprize of the many genuine craftsmen in Canada, and at the same time consider the fraternity exceedingly fortunate in having selected one whose official career thus far has proved him to be so eminently qualified to occupy that high and honorable position.

The harmony and prosperity which prevail throughout the craft under your jurisdiction, as well as the general favor with which the Grand Lodge of Canada is regarded throughout the masonic world, are in a great measure attributable to the zeal, the indomitable perseverance, and the truly masonic character of your administration, and are to us sources of just pride and of great pleasure.

On behalf of the brethren of this city, I tender to you a most sincere and hearty welcome to our city, our Lodges, our homes, and our hearts. May you long live to confer upon the craft the benefits of your distinguished talents and assiduous labours, and to enjoy the honors you have so justly earned.

I have the honor to be,

Yours fraternally,

P. D. BROWN,
District D. G. M.

Montreal, Sept. 18, 1856.

To which the G. M. replied:—

To P. D. Brown, Esq., District Deputy Grand Master, Montreal.

Right Worshipful Sir and Brother,—I have much pleasure in conveying through you to the masons of Montreal my sincere thanks for the kind and fraternal welcome with which they have received me, on this my first visit to their important and rapidly improving city.

The members of the craft in this Province, have, indeed, much reason to congratulate themselves upon the result of their unwearied

efforts in the sacred cause of masonry---that apathy and indifference (the natural consequence of insufficient and careless masonic legislation) which, for so many years, has characterized the Canadian members of our mystic fraternity, has now given place to a deep and lively interest in masonic affairs, and has also secured the general and zealous co-operation of the fraternity.

The many gratifying recognitions which the Grand Lodge of Canada has already received from her sister Grand Lodges, affords conclusive evidence (if such were wanting) not only that our position is correct, but that our course also has been masonic. I regret, however, to remark, that there are still a number of our brethren, who, as yet, do not unite with us in our earnest endeavours to promote what we conceive to be the interests of masonry, I look forward, however, with pleasing anticipations to the period when the whole craft of this noble Province, will be united under the broad banner of our Grand Lodge, and the only strife, or rather, emulation existing amongst us, will be---who shall best work and best agree. In order to arrive at this consummation of our ardent wishes, we must never omit to evince, both by our conversation and by our practice, that we are in reality guided by those great principles which from the very basis and bond of our union, those great cardinal virtues---*Brotherly Love---Relief and Truth.*

For the kind and highly flattering remarks contained in your Address, having special reference to my personal services, I thank you, my most anxious wish has ever been to see our Grand Lodge maintain with dignity, and discharge with efficiency the important duties of her high position, and should my humble services contribute in the slightest degree to that great end, I will be abundantly repaid for all my exertions, by the feeling that I have honestly and faithfully discharged the onerous duties entrusted to me by the craft, and that I have by these means secured what I value most highly the approbation of my brethren.

May the G. A. O. T. U. bless your labours abundantly, may your Lodges continue to flourish, your union to strengthen, and your happiness to abound.

WM. M. WILSON,
G. M. G. L. C.

Mon'treal, Sept. 18, 1856.

The Lodge was then closed, and Bro. Wilson invited to partake of a Banquet, to be given in honor of the occasion of his visit, at Bro. S. Compain's. Between fifty and sixty of the members of the order sat down, and an exceedingly agreeable evening was spent. The R.W. the D.G.M., Bro. Bernard, occupied the Chair. Bro. Isaacson being in the West, and Bro. Morris in the South. Prince's Brass Band was in attendance discoursing sweet music until a late hour. The following toasts, being all ably prefaced, were given from the Chair:—

The Queen and the Craft. Band—God Save the Queen. Song by Bro. Isaacson.

Prince Albert and the Royal Family. Band—German Waltz. German Song by Bro. Warner.

The Grand Master. Tune by Band. Song—Entered Apprentice.

Bro. Wilson acknowledged this toast in the most eloquent language. We regret we could