

hope of finding that the Quaker city was not the Mecca of Masonry after all. To the surprise of Bros. Macalla and Norton, the latter being more likely to support Boston's claim if there were anything in it, the search was productive of something more than they had anticipated, for it was boldly stated through the *Square* that the Albion Lodge of Quebec had been constituted in 1721! This was nine or ten years farther back than Philadelphia could go, and, as a matter of course, as the Masonic laurel was likely to be ruthlessly torn from her brow, Bros. Macalla and Norton sprang to the rescue, coming down upon Bro. Tisdale with a perfect swoop and almost annihilating him. As if doubtful, however, of the position they had taken, the aid of Bro. Hughan was invoked all the way from England; and right heartily he entered upon the task.

Bro. Hughan begins by gently flattering Bro. Norton, and supplies the information that was not at hand. Bro. Tisdale claimed, and we have no doubt, rightly too, that he had seen a Masonic Calendar, in which Albion Lodge, No. 17, Quebec, was printed as having been constituted in 1721. Bros. Hughan, Macalla and Norton, admit that there is a possibility of such a list of lodges as Bro. Tisdale claims to have seen, but they say that, although the year 1721 may be given after the Albion Lodge, it does not follow that it is correct, for the reason that in the genuine Calendars a blank follows the name of the lodge.

It is somewhat strange that no year should be given, and it is equally strange that any publisher or compiler should have taken upon himself to give the year without authority, for that is the natural inference to be drawn from the denial of Bro. Tisdale's statement. As Bro. Hughan remarks, the warrant of the lodge should testify, and it is to be hoped it will be forthcoming, the question is one in which Canadian Masons feel an interest, and it should be set at rest, for no one can have any object in misleading the Craft in reference thereto. As it should be the aim of all true Masons to elicit the truth and expose error, we trust the real facts will be given, no matter whether Canada or the United States should have the honor of possessing the premier Masonic Lodge of America.

MEETINGS OF GRAND BODIES.

THE Grand Lodge of Indiana held its ninth annual gathering on the 23rd and two following days of May. The Treasurer's statement shows a balance of \$15,400.85. A curious case came up, in the form of a grievance. It seems that five years ago a lodge borrowed from the widow of a Mason \$4,000, giving her a mortgage on the property of the lodge. The widow had received the money from the Benefit Society on the death of her husband. The mortgage proved worthless. Five members owned the lodge, on which there was a prior mortgage, but the lodge yielded them a rental of \$1,800. As the lodge declined either to pay or secure the widow the matter was referred to the Grand Master for the purpose of ascertaining the true facts. Bros. F. S. Devol, and John M. Bramwell, were elected respectively Grand Master and Grand Secretary.

THE FOURTH Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Nebraska took place at Omaha, on 26th April. The chief officers elected are R. C. Sir Chas. F. Catlin, Grand Commander; N. E. Sir James N. Moore, Deputy Grand Commander; E. Sir William R. Bowen, Grand Recorder.