

GENERAL MASONIC RELIEF ASSOCIATION OF THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA.

This Association, which has been doing good work for the past five years in protecting the Craft from Masonic impostors, who make a business of travelling through the country trading upon the well-known benevolence of our Brethren and Lodges, has decided to hold its next Annual Meeting in the City of Montreal, on the 16th September next.

Distinguished Masons from all parts of the United States and Canada will, no doubt, attend this Convention, and I trust that they may be accorded a most fraternal and cordial reception, and that the meeting may be productive of much good.

HISTORIC JEWELS.

The closing paragraph of the Report of the Committee on the State of Masonry of last year, I think, requires some notice. The article I allude to will be found on page 54 of the printed Proceedings, and reads as follows: "The attention of the Committee has been called to the fact that certain valuable and historic relics were presented to Grand Lodge, by M. W. Bro. Dunbar, on behalf of the Brethren of Quebec District, and would suggest that the same be produced in Grand Lodge for the inspection of the members."

The relics alluded to are, I presume, the old jewels which were transmitted to this Grand Lodge by the late M. W. Bro. Thomas Douglas Harrington, and which were first laid before this Grand Body by M. W. Bro. Dunbar, at the Annual Communication, held in September, 1875, and were alluded to by him in his address of that year. An excellent and interesting description of these Jewels, and the happy manner in which they have been handed down to us, appears in the Annual Address of M. W. Bro. Graham, delivered in this city, in January, 1883. For the information of the younger Brethren I beg to quote from the same, as follows:

"I need but remind the officers and members of this Grand Lodge that on the occasion of the happy union of the remaining Canada Lodges in our Province with this Grand Body, there were transmitted to us, through me, as the then Grand Master, by the late M. W. Bro. Harrington, as our proper inheritance, an Antique Masonic Square of gold, having a brilliant at the angle, and having thereon this inscription, 'The gift of His Royal Highness Prince Edward, the first