

the Grand Lodge of Peru has already terminated all relations heretofore existing between the Grand Lodge of Peru and the Grand Lodge of Quebec, and I recommend that it be so declared by this Grand Lodge, and that all brethren under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Quebec be commanded to abstain from any and all Masonic intercourse with the so-called Grand Lodge of Peru, and with any body of men claiming or professing to be Freemasons acknowledging jurisdiction to the body over which the said Christian Dam now claims to be Grand Master, or over which any of his successors shall make similar claim. The R. W. and Rev. Bro. W. H. Nye, having been heretofore accredited as the representative of the Grand Lodge of Peru near the Grand Lodge of Quebec, did not hesitate to tender immediately his resignation as such representative, in a letter which I received from him on January 10, and upon my suggestion returned to the Grand Secretary of Peru the commission that he could no longer retain.

After reference to the serious illness of M. W. Bros. J. H. Isaacson, and John H. Graham, last summer, and to the honor of knighthood conferred by Her Majesty upon Chief Justice Sir Melbourne Tait, a Past Grand Master of Quebec, the Grand Master alluded to the report presented to him by Bro. Geo. O. Stanton, D.D.G.M., in August last, to the effect that a pretended Masonic Lodge had been instituted in the city about a year before, under a warrant from the Grand Orient of France, the Grand Master proceeded: "Enquiry resulted in a confirmation of Bro. Stanton's report, and brought to light a number of facts connected with the bogus organization, including documentary evidence that the alleged lodge was clandestine as well as un-Masonic and illegal, and also a statement that one reason for application being made to the Grand Orient of France for authority to hold so called lodge was that the Grand Lodge of Quebec and its work was not 'anti-

clerical' enough. If by 'anti-clerical,' was meant hostility to priest or minister of any denomination whatever, or to the moral or religious teachings of the clergy of the different churches concerning the existence of a supreme God, who is the author and Father of all things, who has revealed his will to man, and who will reward or punish us according as we have obeyed or disregarded his divine precepts, then I assert without the slightest fear of contradiction from those who know what they are talking about, that we are as uncompromisingly opposed to anti-clericalism as it is possible for men to be. It would have mattered little to us what was done by the so called Emancipation Lodge, hailing under the Grand Orient of France, in this city, were it not that some worthy men, ignorant of what constitutes a just and lawful lodge of Freemasons, might have been duped into petitioning for Masonic light, those who are bereft of it themselves, because of their unreputed operations under the guise of Freemasonry. At the risk of attaching to the spurious body an importance to which it had not attained, it was due to those who had no means of their own of detecting its real character, that the matter should be placed before them in its true light. Information reached me that some of the brethren of our own obedience speaking the language used in the so-called lodge, had, I would fain believe, in ignorance of the wrong they were committing, associated themselves more or less with the promoters of the illegal body. This, in itself, demanded immediate action. I therefore prepared and ordered the proclamation of the edict which has already been published."

The Grand Master's address was followed by the reports of M. W. Bro. J. H. Isaacson, Grand Secretary; M. W. Bro. I. H. Stearns, Grand Treasurer; and the several District Deputy Grand Masters.

A charter was granted to the Lodge at Valleyfield, which has been working under dispensation.