

Ohio, Oregon, South Carolina, and Wisconsin, have endorsed the position taken by the Grand Chapter of Quebec, in her contest with the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England; the Grand Chapters of the District of Columbia, Illinois, Texas, and Vermont, have suspended intercourse with the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England, and the Grand Chapter of Mississippi with all Mark Master Masons in the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of Quebec that do not render allegiance to that Grand Chapter; the Grand Chapters of California, Florida, Kansas, Minnesota, North Carolina, Rhode Island, Tennessee, and West Virginia, have taken no action; the Grand Chapters of Delaware, Alabama, Georgia, Louisiana, Michigan, Missouri, and Virginia, have deferred action until their Convocation of 1885; and the Grand Chapters of Pennsylvania, and New Jersey are yet to hear from. Thus *twenty-four* Grand Chapters sustain Quebec; *eight* have taken no action; *seven* deferred action until 1885; and *two* to hear from.

In those Grand Chapters that sustain Quebec, I find that there are 1433 subordinate chapters, with a membership of 94,536. Comp. Drummond's statistical tables show that the total membership of the forty-two chapters of America, May, 1884, was 137,617.

Here are twenty-five Grand Chapters that say, and put themselves on record, that the Grand Mark Lodge of England, violates every principle of justice, right and honor, in order to assist a few, who defy the laws of the Grand Chapter of Quebec.

Let the good work go on. Show not only to the Grand Mark Lodge of England, but to every other Grand Body, that we on this side of the "fish pond" will not submit to infringement of territorial jurisdiction from any Grand Body.

Let the Grand Bodies of England enforce their own laws in their own

jurisdiction, but "hands off" from territory not their own.

Consistency is not their motto, else why such a roaring of the Lion, when Gibraltar was threatened by a small lodge coming from the Grand Lodge of Manitoba?

If my friend, J. H. Livingston, could not digest my open letter to him, perhaps he can the facts stated above. Fraternally yours,

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MASONIC ITEMS.

EXETER.—A grand musical concert was given in Drew's Hall here, on Tuesday evening, 24th ult., under the auspices of the Royal Arch Masons. The evening was fine, and a good audience was present. The programme throughout was well chosen, and remarkably well rendered, the singing being of the higher class. The talent was all brought from London, except the orchestra, which was composed of Exeter friends. Several selections was rendered by the orchestra, all of which were encored. Proceeds amounted to about \$75. The committee spared no pains to complete every arrangement, and they deserve great credit for having so successfully performed their duties. From the reputation of the ladies and gentlemen, whose names appeared on the programme, all of course attended expecting to hear first-class performances, and we are quite sure none were disappointed. Rev. Comp. E. J. Robinson, P.S., acted as chairman, and the brethren appeared in full regalia.

Brethren of the "mystic tie" have not infrequently had to face objections raised against the Order, because of their supposed leanings towards an excess of conviviality. If there ever was any substantial grounds for this complaint, it certainly is fast disappearing, and it is a source of congratulation, as adding to the influence