

main under their original charters." Referring to this, our Most Worshipful Brother, in his address to Grand Lodge that year, said:

"I beg to inform Grand Lodge that there has been received by me, a very kind, fraternal letter from Rt. Wor. Bro. Geo. Frank Gouley, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Missouri, enclosing a commission from the Grand Master of that Grand Body to me, as the Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Missouri, near the Grand Lodge of Quebec, and also an admirably prepared copy of their proceedings for 1875, a copy of their Constitution, &c., for all which I desire to return especial thanks; and although I have declined while in the office of Grand Master to accept the Representativeship of many of the leading Grand Lodges of the world, which had been kindly tendered me by the Grand Masters of their respective Grand Bodies, preferring to honor others by recommending them for such appointments, instead of retaining so many of such honors and privileges for myself, yet, I confess, that from past considerations well understood by most of you, it would have pleased me to have made an exception in the case of Missouri, could I have conscientiously done so, but under the circumstances, I deemed it my duty to decline the proffered honor, nor can I recommend this Grand Lodge to accept the recognition tendered her by the said Grand Lodge."

Bro. Graham from the first uttered no uncertain sound upon unqualified recognition and supreme and exclusive Grand Lodge Sovereignty, and up to the present time the Grand Lodge of Quebec remains firm and true to this doctrine, which he has ever so clearly elucidated and so ably advocated.

Bro. Graham wielded the gavel of the Grand Lodge of Quebec from its formation in 1869 till the close of the fourth annual communication in 1873, when he retired from the Grand East, to be only recalled in 1874, when he

was again summoned to the Throne, from which he retired at the close of the seventh annual communication in 1876; and at the annual communication held a September last, for the third time he was elected Grand Master.

During his previous terms of office M. W. Bro. Graham was the recipient of two magnificent testimonials from his Brethren, as a token of their esteem, friendship and love for one who had devoted so much of his time, energy, money and talents to the service of the Craft and the dignity and prestige of their Grand Lodge. The first was a beautiful casket, containing a substantial mark of their appreciation, and the last was on his retirement from the Grand East in 1876, when it was moved by Rt. Wor. Bro. Frank Edgar, seconded by Rt. Wor. Bro. Alex. Murray, at the seventh annual session of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, and resolved:

"That in recognition of the very valuable services rendered to the Craft in this Province by M. Wor. Bro. J. H. Graham, and his labors for the welfare of this Grand Lodge, a suitable testimonial be tendered to him on behalf of this Grand Lodge, and that the Most Worshipful Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary, be a committee to carry into effect this resolution."

In the proceedings for that year we find "the resolution was carried unanimously, with evidences of general satisfaction," which motion was duly carried into effect by the presentation by M. W. Grand Master M. M. Tait in Grand Lodge, on Sept. 27, 1877, of a magnificent silver tea service, with a suitable address, to which Brother Graham feelingly replied.

The subject of our sketch is also Grand Representative of one or more Grand Lodges near the Grand Lodge of Quebec. He is also honorary member of several subordinate Lodges and Chapters, and has been the recipient of many testimonials from subordinate Lodges, and also the united Lodges of