

Mount Zion. There should have been no necessity, as in a later and less auspicious era, to have done our work with the Trowel in one hand and the Sword in the other."

"But the past cannot be recalled. May discord not longer continue her evil work. Let bygones be bygones. Inconsiderate things which may have been said or done, on either hand, ought to be forgiven and forgotten. The Genius of our Fraternity ought to regain and retain its sovereign sway. The Brethren of G. L. of Quebec earnestly desire to have all misunderstandings with the Brethren of Ontario done away, and to have all constitutional, financial, and other matters involved, fraternally arranged, so that the Grand Lodges of Ontario and Quebec, although separate, may yet be one in spirit, and each, in its own sphere, strive to excel in that noblest emulation, of who can "best work and best agree;" and when we all shall have finished our labours in our earthly Temples, receive an abundant entrance into that Temple not made with hands, "eternal in the Heavens."

ROYAL ARCH MASONRY IN QUEBEC.

In No. 4 of this Journal, we alluded to the state of Royal Arch Masonry in this Province, as affected by the difficulties between the G. L. of Quebec and the G. L. of Canada. We regret to have to report that the troubles in the Chapters here, have been aggravated by a recent decision of the Grand Z.

The very un-masonic conduct of the Trustees of the Masonic Hall in this city, in reference to the property of some of the Lodges they held in trust, caused some Royal Arch Masons of this city to feel it inconsistent with their position in these Lodges, to continue to sit in Chapter with one of the said Trustees; and they preferred a charge of unmasonic conduct against him. The charge was received, and he was duly summoned to appear and answer to the charge.

In the meantime some of his friends wrote to the Grand Z. on the subject, and the result of their communications was, that, when the charge was brought forward for proof, a letter was read from the Grand Z, giving it as his decision, *POSITIVE DECISION, that it was not in the power of any Chapter, to try any of its members, who had held the position of Grand Principal, or who had filled the position of Grand Master.*

This ruling is regarded by the Royal Arch Masons of this Province as contrary to the spirit of the constitution of R. A. Masonry, and further, they feel, that the ruling is given in this instance, to protect an offending companion from the just punishment which they say his offences deserve.

We are not prepared to discuss the question at present. We hope that when proper representations are made to the Grand Z. that he will permit the case to be tried on its merits, if not by private Chapter, then by Grand Chapter in August next.