

Bogus Masonry.

We continue the publication of letters received from Grand Secretaries in reply to our letter relative to the so-called Grand Lodge of Ontario:

GRAND LODGE OF MANITOBA, OFFICE OF THE GRAND SECRETARY.

Winnipeg, 21st July, 1880.

J. B. TRAYES, Esq., Port Hope, Ont.

DEAR SIR AND BRO.—In reply to your circular of the 29th June, I have to say that the Grand Lodge of Manitoba recognizes no such body as the Grand Lodge of Ontario, and that in consequence persons hailing from Lodges working under Charters from the so-called Grand Lodge in question, have never been admitted to any of our Lodges. Particular care has always been exercised to guard against the admission of such persons.

Yours fraternally,
WM. G. SCOTT,
Grand Secretary.

GRAND LODGE OF QUEBEC, A. F. & A. M.—
GRAND SECRETARY'S OFFICE.

Montreal, July 13th, 1880.

J. B. TRAYES, Esq.,

MY DEAR SIR AND R. W. BRO.—Your circular letter of June 29th ult. reached me to-day anent so-called "Grand Lodge of Ontario." In reply, I beg to inform you that this Grand Lodge has refused to acknowledge that body, or to recognize any in obedience thereto.

I am, Yours Fraternally,
JOHN H. ISAACSON,
Grand Secretary.

GRAND LODGE OF NEW BRUNSWICK, OFFICE OF GRAND SECRETARY, F. & A. M.,

St. John, N.B., August 4th, 1880.

DEAR BRO. TRAYES.—In reply to your favor of June 29th, I beg to inform you that at the Annual Communication of 1876 of our Grand Lodge, the following resolution was adopted:—

"Resolved,—That the body calling itself the Grand Lodge of Ontario is an irregular and clandestine organization, and is not entitled to recognition or countenance by regular Freemasons; that persons hailing from the said organization, or bodies holding of it, are not worthy of Masonic fellowship; and that all Lodges in the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick be immediately warned by the Grand Secretary not to receive, as visitors or acknowledge as Brothers, persons hailing from the so-called Grand Lodge of Ontario."

I regret that absence from home prevented me from replying at an earlier day, and trust this may not be too late for your purpose.

With best wishes and kind regards, believe me to be,

Yours Fraternally,
W. F. BUNTING,
Grand Secretary.

Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island, A. F. & A. M., Grand Secretary's office.

Charlottetown, July 19th, 1880.

DEAR SIR AND R. W. BRO.—Your circular letter, dated 29th ult., addressed to R. W. Bro. Wilson Higgs, was handed me to-day. Our Grand Lodge has not done anything in reference to a so-called "Grand Lodge of Ontario," we having concluded from the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Canada that the question had been satisfactorily settled, and that everything in that Jurisdiction is now working in peace and harmony. Should any persons present themselves to the Lodges in this Jurisdiction, and hail from the "Grand Lodge of Ontario," they will not be recognized.

I remain, R. W. Sir & Bro.,
Yours fraternally,
G. W. WAKEFORD,
Grand Secretary.

To R. W. Bro. J. B. TRAYES,
Port Hope.

Office of the Grand Secretary M. W. Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of the State of Oregon.

Salem, Oregon, July 18, 1880.

J. B. TRAYES.

DEAR SIR,—I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your circular letter asking what the position of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Oregon is in regard to the so-called Grand Lodge of Ontario. In reply I would say that the Grand Lodge of Ontario has never been recognized by the Grand Lodge of Oregon, and consequently has no official intercourse with them.

Very respectfully yours,
F. J. BARCOK,
Grand Secretary.

GRAND LODGE OF FLORIDA.

Jacksonville, July 5th, 1880.

DEAR SIR AND BRO.—In the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Florida, for 1878, you will find the following paragraph on p. 521, to wit:—

"A few wayward brethren, being apparently possessed of restless and ambitious spirits, speaking in very mild terms, have undertaken to generate a Grand Lodge in the Province of Ontario, within the immediate and exclusive Jurisdiction of the