

broad and expansive views that can tower in their majesty beyond the paltry limits of creed, sect and party, —who can regard every man of honor as a brother and worship with every brother who reveres the character of that God whom we, as Freemasons, designate the Great Architect of the Universe. Such men will always be faithful to their vows and true to their obligations.

THE GRAND LODGE OF QUEBEC.

This month the Grand Lodge of Quebec will meet at Sherbrooke, and the session will naturally be one of great importance. It has been assailed from within and without. Its legality has even been questioned and its powerful English opponent, the Premier Grand Lodge of the world, has, through its official organ, the *London Freemason*, questioned whether English Freemasons should visit bodies that might possibly be working contrary to the laws of the land, and actually hinted that the Quebec Masonic Lodges were connected in some mysterious way with Orangeism. In this country we can afford to smile at such baseless fabrications, but English Freemasons, believing or pretending to believe the same, hold up their hands in holy horror and cry aloud, "The Grand Lodge of Quebec is clandestine, illegitimate, illegal."

Again, even a Toronto journal has thrown open its columns to some Montreal correspondent, who hints that the lodges in that city are "run" principally by "saloon-keepers," and that men have become drunkards, etc. We fancy such arguments can easily be refuted.

Thus assailed abroad and attacked in the jurisdiction of the Mother Grand Lodge, she will find that in order to maintain her position and uphold her prestige, she must at this communication sound no uncertain note, and fortunately at her helm is M. W. Bro. E. R. Johnson, the Most Worshipful Grand Master, who, assisted by the counsels of such men as Bros. Graham, Dunbar, Tait, Isaacson, Stearns and others, is quite equal to the emergency.

The real battle that the Grand Lodge of Quebec has to fight this time is that of Colonial Masonic Independence vs. English Masonic Tyranny. Colonial Masons have too long and too tamely submitted to the superciliousness and arrogance of the United Grand Lodge of England. The Grand Lodge of Canada at Ottawa last July, in our humble opinion, weakened a little on this score, because she feared invasion of her territory by the establishment of a lodge at Toronto under charter from England. We trust the Grand Lodge of Quebec will not show the white feather on any such grounds. The English-warranted lodges of Montreal have at all events treated her with as great contempt as they possibly could do, and patience now has ceased to be a virtue.

We regret to repeat, it has come to this—Colonial Masonic Independence vs. English Masonic Tyranny, and Quebec must be the one to uphold the banner, and the battle has to be fought in that Province. The Grand Lodge of Quebec must remember that two sister Colonial Grand Lodges are waging the same war and looking to her for assistance, guidance and