

"The 'Ancient Charges of Making,' adopted in the times of James II., 'also direct that 'no Master or Fellow supplant others of their work.' 'Most all the Grand Lodges have adopted resolutions of what they call 'perpetual jurisdiction over rejected candidates. The reason for this is 'obvious: That a rejected candidate could apply from Lodge to Lodge 'until, at last, he might find one less careful than others of the purity of 'the household, through whose too willing doors he could find admission."

The above argument is plausible, but we cannot subscribe to its doctrine, which seems an unjust, and therefore an un-Masonic one.

Let us exemplify our view of the case from events which have fallen under our own immediate observation:

A. B. is a person of unblemished reputation in the city where he resides, and where he has been engaged in honorable business for a period of over twenty-five years; in England, of which country he is a native, from motives of personal animosity, originating out of family quarrels, he was rejected in a Lodge by the influence, perhaps by the sole vote, of a cousin. This occurred thirty years ago; the quarrel has not been healed, the cousin is still a member of the rejecting Lodge, and, being implacable, there would be no chance of permission being obtained to allow a Lodge here to accept this material which to the whole Craft would be desirable.

Is it just, right, or proper, then, that this gentleman, under the circumstances given, should for ever be debarred from the privileges of Masonry, which he earnestly desires "from a good opinion previously conceived of "the institution," and to which he is entitled, being under the "tongue "of good report?"

We think not, and as this case, differing more or less in matters of detail, is not an unfrequent one, we are decidedly opposed to what we consider the tyrannical doctrine of "perpetual jurisdiction over rejected "candidates."

We are of opinion that the law of Masonry in Quebec is just in this matter: it requires twelve months to intervene after rejection, then the candidate can apply for admission into the same or any other Lodge in the jurisdiction; or being out of the jurisdiction, he is at the disposal of the Craft where he resides.

The Grand Treasurer's Report shews that after disbursing all calls against his Grand Lodge, there remains in his hands unappropriated a balance of \$1111.96.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is ably written by the Grand Secretary, R. W. Bro. Murrow, who, like ourself, pleads to have been too much over-weighted to do full justice to the task by the devolving of other duties upon him. Nevertheless, he has performed the allotted duty with discretion and ability. If his remarks and criticisms on the proceedings of each Grand Lodge reviewed are brief, they are judicious, and to the point.