

follow so far as this Grand Chapter is concerned. I have thus done, not because I imagined you were ignorant of these things, or of your Masonic duties towards this Grand Chapter, but to show to the Masonic world, to which appeal must finally be made, a complete justification of the course of this Grand Chapter in the premises. I am led therefore, in the performance of my plain duty, and in vindication of the honor of the Craft not only in this Province but throughout the world, to resent and protest against the establishment of said Mark Master Lodges, and to request and demand an immediate withdrawal of the Warrant or other power granted to said Lodges to confer the Mark Master's Degree, or act as Mark Master Lodges within the territory of this Province. Their presence is a fact which admits of no argument or discussion on the part of this Grand Chapter so long as their existence remains a standing menace to this Grand Chapter on the part of your Grand Lodge.

The failure on your part to comply with this demand on or before the twenty-fourth day of September next, will necessitate a severance of fraternal relations between your Grand Lodge and this Grand Chapter, and an appeal to the sister Grand Chapters of the world in the premises for that Masonic support to which we are entitled as against an aggressor upon our rights.

Yours, &c.,

(Attest,)

H. L. ROBINSON,
Grand Z.

DAVID SEATH,

Grand Scribe E.

[SEAL.]

Beautiful it is to see and understand that no worth, known or unknown, can die even in this earth. The work an unknown good man has done is like a vein of water flowing hidden under ground, secretly making the ground green; it flows and flows, it joins itself with other veins and veinlets; one day it will start forth as a visible perennial well.—*Carlyle.*

NATIONAL GREAT PRIORY OF CANADA.

Of the United Religious and Military Orders of the Temple and of St. John of Jerusalem, Palestine, Rhodes and Malta.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF GREAT PRIORY.

To the M. E. the Great Prior of the National Great Priory of the Dominion of Canada, now assembled.

The special committee appointed at the last annual assembly of the Great Priory, for the purpose of taking into consideration the question of the independence of the National Great Priory of Canada, beg leave courteously and unanimously to report that with the consent and acquiescence of the M. E. the Great Prior, they recommend Great Priory to request and authorize the M. E. the Great Prior to prepare and forward to H. R. H. the Prince of Wales, the Supreme Grand Master of Convent General, an humble address, praying that "Inasmuch as the Great Priory has this day unanimously declared in the revision of its Statutes, its authority in and throughout the Dominion of Canada over all bodies of the Order of the Temple and appendant Degrees, His Royal Highness the Grand Master will be graciously pleased to absolve this Great Priory, and all Officers and Fratres, members thereof, from their obligations of fealty to him as Supreme Grand Master, so that this Great Priory may be enabled fully and without doubt to affirm and maintain the position which it has taken upon itself as an Independent Great Priory of the Order of Knights Templar and appendant Degrees, and at the same time gratefully to express our knightly obligations to His Royal Highness and to Convent General for all the courtesies and favors which we as members and officers of the Temple, in the Dominion of Canada, have heretofore received from His Royal Highness, and from all the officers of the Order in the United Kingdom; and also communicate our desire that the inter-jurisdictional relations of this Sovereign Great Priory toward