

to the Grand Master of Canada, but information was shortly thereafter received by me through our Grand Secretary, from R. W. Bro. Thos. White, convener of the committee named by the G. M. of C., that on account of certain correspondence then taking place between himself and the G. M., it would not be practicable for said Committee on their part, to meet on the day proposed. After some further delay, I was subsequently informed of the existence of difficulties as to the arrangements on the part of Canada.

I again caused to be communicated to the G. M. of C. the renewed assurance of our fraternal regard, and our earnest desire for the early constitutional adjustment of all our difficulties. Like assurances were received from the G. M. of C., together with the expression of his intention, if necessary, of remodeling his committee so as to remove certain obstacles; the carrying out of which would unavoidably occupy some time. Various other correspondence ensued, and in order that no want of forbearance on our part might seem to exist, still further delay was granted; but even now, no fraternal action in reference thereto, has been taken on the part of the officers of the G. L. of C. and the G. M. of the G. L. of C. having by letter of the 30th ult., (Jan. 1873,) declared, that "under present circumstances he did not consider it expedient to take further action in the matter," and having on our part, exercised forbearance until it would seem that no fair-minded brother at home or abroad, can justly feel that precipitate action on our part has been taken; and the Grand Lodge of Canada, under two successive Grand Masters, having since the formation of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, in utter violation of all prudential and constitutional considerations, granted Warrants to form several new Lodges in this Province, and has also granted copies of old Warrants to construct duplicate Lodges, under circumstances most injurious to the peace, harmony and prosperity of the Craft in this Province,—all of which, and other such like acts, being done in gross violation of the laws and traditions of our fraternity, anent the establishment and sovereignty of Grand Lodges; and although the Grand Lodge of Canada, as well as this Grand Lodge, did appeal to the Grand Lodges of the World for their decision on the great constitutional questions involved in the formation of the G. L. of Quebec,—yet, she refuses to abide by the decision rendered by the great majority of the Grand Lodges with whom she has hitherto been in fraternal correspondence and to