

In noticing Grand Master Murray's address, under "Canada," Brother Ziegler says :—

"He treats at length in a very forcible manner the Quebec troubles ; regrets that the Grand Lodge of Canada cannot do more than sympathize with Quebec, and justly lays the origin of all her troubles with the stubborn Lodges at the door of the Grand Lodge of Canada, in not holding out against the United Grand Lodges of England, who offered recognition to the Grand Lodge of Canada in 1864, on condition that the Grand Lodge of Canada would permit the three English Lodges of Montreal to exist unmolested, which the Grand Lodge of Canada, in her undue eagerness to receive recognition from the Grand Lodge of England, consented to, and thereby violated a Masonic principle, by accepting partial instead of demanding complete and absolute sovereignty within her domain. Had she done so she would have saved oceans of trouble to Quebec and left undisturbed the rest of the Masonic World. But as it is the Masonic World is an uproar and Quebec in trouble—and Canada is to blame."

And in his address to Grand Lodge, our M. W. Brother spoke as follows :—

"It is useless to waste breath or ink over a claim that does not find any justification in law or common sense. It has been discussed for fifteen years in the hope that England would recede from her position, but in the face of repeated fraternal solicitations, she yet remains obdurate, leaving Quebec to choose between dishonor in submission and honor and dignity in maintaining her inherent rights."

Brother Reed, from the Committee of Foreign Correspondence, presented a lengthy report which space will not permit us to quote, endorsing Quebec's position, and condemning that of England, but advising against an edict of non-intercourse. He reported the following resolutions which were adopted by a Sister Grand jurisdiction, and recommended that the same be taken as the sense of this Grand Lodge :—

"Resolved, That in order to heal the bitter animosities now existing between the Grand Lodges of Quebec and England, the Grand Lodge of Washington most fraternally requests the Grand Lodge of England to advise the three Lodges mentioned, located in the city of Montreal, in the Province of Quebec, to unite with the Grand Lodge of Quebec, and on their failure or refusal to do so, that the charters of the same be arrested or withdrawn.

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge re-iterates its firm adhesion to the doctrine of unequivocal, undivided Grand Lodge sovereignty, and that none other can be tolerated by Sovereign Grand Lodges without endangering the peace of the Masonic powers of the world."

R. W. Bro. ALBERT S. NICHOLSON, Grand Representative for the Grand Lodge of Quebec, by permission, submitted the following resolution which, on motion, was ordered spread upon the journal of proceedings :—

"Resolved, That this Grand Lodge most heartily sympathizes and approves the action of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Quebec, in declaring non-intercourse between the members subordinate thereto and the members of the Lodges of St. Paul, St. George and St. Lawrence, of the city of Montreal."

The Grand Master and Grand Secretary were both re-elected, and we congratulate those worthy officers and the Grand Lodge of Washington Territory, accordingly.