

view of ultimately forming a Grand Council for that Province, one of whom—our M. Ill. Companion Col. Moore—has since received the honorary rank of Past Grand Master from the Grand Council of New Brunswick.

This is made still more manifest by comparing the resolution already referred to with Art. 2 of our Constitution, which is as follows: "This Grand Council claims *exclusive* jurisdiction, and shall have the sole government and superintendence of Councils of Royal and Select Masters and appendant Orders within the Province of Ontario." The marked difference between the two quotations will be apparent. We claim *exclusive* jurisdiction over Ontario, and concurrent jurisdiction over the Provinces masonically unoccupied by the Cryptic rite, and such was still the intention of Grand Council when at the last annual assembly, held on the 13th August, 1872, it adopted the following resolution: "Resolved, That this Grand Council claims jurisdiction over the Provinces of Ontario, Quebec and Manitoba, &c."

This resolution was passed to enable the Executive to adopt means for the extension of the Cryptic rite in Canada, while the constitution, which properly defines the limits of our claims to exclusive jurisdiction, remains unchanged.

It is quite true we have appointed Inspectors General for these Provinces, but in doing so, we are but following the example of our mother Grand Council in giving power to these officers to "create and install R. A. Masons in good repute, as Select, Royal, and S. Ex. Masters," for the purpose of forming new Councils. We are happy to believe that the course we then adopted, in complying with the request of our Ill. Companions, has been productive of much good, as two Councils have been already established by our Inspector General for the Province of Quebec.

I am certain, therefore, that Grand Council will be willing to acknowledge that Quebec is "unoccupied masonic territory," and that with this explanation our sister Grand Council of New Brunswick will be willing to unite with us in saying that "we in the Dominion of Canada, who belong to the Cryptic rite, are on the most amicable and friendly terms."

Grand Council is aware that Cryptic Masonry, which is gradually becoming of considerable importance on this continent, has been introduced into Great Britain, and with the assistance and under the direction of the Grand Council of New York, the Grand Council of England has been duly formed. This is pleasing information to us, and although no official intimation of the formation of this Grand Body has reached me, I consider the matter of too much importance to pass it over in silence, feeling assured that you will unite with me in heartily wishing the Grand Council of England every prosperity.

Grand Council is also aware that considerable diversity prevails in the ritual, titles of officers, and the order of conferring the degrees, under the jurisdiction of the several Grand Councils of the United States. To remedy this great evil, and to secure perfect uniformity, the Grand Council of Maine, on the 3rd May, 1871, directed M. Ill. Companion J. H. Drummond to call a convention of R. & S. Masters, to meet in New York in June, 1872. This convention met on the 12th June, fourteen Grand Councils being represented; elected permanent officers; appointed various important committees; and transacted considerable business of very great benefit to the Cryptic rite. The principal matter of importance to us, is the following report, which was adopted:

The Committee on Nomenclature recommend the following for titles of Grand and Subordinate Bodies of the Cryptic Rite:

Most Illustrious Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Principal Conductor of Work, Grand Treasurer, Grand Recorder, Grand Captain of the Guards, Grand Conductor of the Council, Grand Steward, Grand Sentinel.

To which may be added Grand Chaplain, and Grand Marshal or Grand Master of Ceremonies.

For Subordinate Councils omit the word "Grand," and in place of the word "Most" for first officer, use the word "Thrice."

They also recommend that meetings of Bodies of this Rite be denominated "Assemblies."

JOSIAH H. DRUMMOND,	} Committee.
THOS. J. CORSON,	
WM. P. ANDERSON,	

The Convention adjourned to meet again at the same place in June, 1873, and your principal officers were invited to be present; but unfortunately the invitations did not reach us until it was too late to make any arrangements for the Grand Council to be represented. A matter of this importance should receive our hearty co-operation, and