

Lodge," and the matter of forming a so-called "Territorial Grand Lodge" he strongly condemns, as being "entirely unconstitutional, and not in accordance with Masonic custom as practiced by any Grand Lodge on this continent, and the Grand Lodge of Manitoba cannot recognise any such body, as it is clearly illegal."

We felt confident that the proceedings of R. W. Bro. Patterson in thus creating out of "Al Moghreb al Aksa" a so-called "Territorial Grand Lodge" would not be sanctioned by the executive of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba. How Bro. Patterson could have so far forgotten the well recognised principles upon which Grand Lodges are instituted is perfectly astonishing to us. From the moment we heard of the proceeding we declared it illegal. It would have been very easy, as the *London Freemason* pointed out, to have established, if advisable, two or more other Lodges at different points through the Territory, then representatives from these lodges could have been convened and a Grand Lodge duly established.

From the official communication to which we have referred, we quote the following, which is both logical and correct, and although we regret it was necessary to recall the warrant of Al Moghreb al Aksa Lodge, and revoke the commission of Bro. Patterson, still we feel confident that the Grand Lodges of this continent will very generally endorse the action of the Grand Master of Manitoba:

"From the records received, it appears that you

"First,—convened an occasional Grand Lodge of Manitoba.

"Secondly,—that you formed a Territorial Grand Lodge.

"Thirdly,—that you then constituted the Lodge Al Moghreb al Aksa, and installed the officers.

"The Grand Master, holding your course to have been illegal, and contrary to our Grand Lodge Constitutions, therefore orders,

"First,—That the warrant granted Al Moghreb al Aksa Lodge, together with all papers emanating from this Grand Lodge, be immediately returned, said warrant having been so improperly used that he cannot recognise the body of Masons supposed to be working under it, and

"Secondly,—That your commission as special Deputy be revoked, and that you return the same to this Grand Lodge."

#### UNAFFILIATES.

We cannot help quoting in full the following article from the *Corner Stone*. We are confident such "a horrible injustice" could never have occurred in Canada. Every Grand Master in every Province would have granted a dispensation. We fully sympathize with our learned friend and distinguished brother:—

"Brother Parvin, Grand Secretary of Iowa, reads his Grand Lodge an impressive lesson which should be remembered by all sister Lodges as an illustration of the bad policy indicated in legislation upon non affiliated brethren. His father, Josiah Parvin, had joined the Masonic fraternity at a very early age, and was for years a most active and influential member in New Jersey. A resident of St. Louis, he was impoverish-