

however, and lacking in fact. If there be any real grievances under which our Quebec brethren are laboring, we are willing to give them a fair consideration. There are none that we can discover in the communication before us, this, we think, the "staunchest supporter" of the Quebec movement will readily admit.

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We copy the foregoing from the "Gavel."

MONTREAL, Aug. 19th, 1870.

*To the Editor of the Gavel:*

I do not propose to attempt even, far less to accomplish, an interpretation of the curious letter from R. W. Bro. Spry in your last issue, but there is one statement in it which, with your permission, I desire to correct. Bro. Spry refers to a "secret meeting" summoned and, he presumes, held in Montreal in December last, "at which were present the friends only of the editor of the publication referred to—(the *Craftsman*), and those desirous of preventing the recognition of the "Grand Lodge of Quebec." He refers also to the secret meeting, "which probably the proprietor if not the reputed editor, assisted in getting together."

It is not very clear whether Bro. Spry refers to the former or present proprietor and editor of the *Craftsman*. If to the former, I can appeal to Bro. Spry himself in opposition to his own statement. I travelled to Montreal with him, and, as he will remember, we only reached there in time to enter Grand Lodge, which awaited the arrival of the train from the west, to proceed to business. He will hardly venture to say there was time either to summon or attend secret meetings under those circumstances. If he refers to the present proprietor and editor, I can only say that Bro. Mason, who alone occupies that position, was not present at Montreal at all. I may remark further that neither I nor Bro. Mason were members of "the so-called Antient Grand Lodge," and that therefore the last sentence of the letter is as incorrect in fact as the whole is confused in matter.

Yours Fraternally,

THOS. WHITE, JR.

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PRESENTATION.—A large number of Brethren, with their lady friends, waited upon W. Bro. the Rev. J. A. Murry, P. M. of St. Alban's Lodge, No. 200, St. Albans, Ont. at his residence St. Albans on the 27th ult., and presented him with a farewell address in view of his contemplated removal from that place. The address was accompanied with a beautiful Past Master's Jewel and a purse of money as a token of the high esteem in which he was held by the Brethren of St. Albans. The address and reply showed that the kindest feelings existed between Bro. Murray and the members of the Lodge, and that the parting was a matter of the deepest mutual regret. On the one hand was displayed profound gratitude to a master who had faithfully discharged his duties to the Craft, and on the other, devout thankfulness that his labors had been productive of good to the cause of Masonry.