

CORRESPONDENCE

WITH THE GRAND LODGE OF ILLINOIS, ANENT THE "QUEBEC DIFFICULTY."

In our last issue we commented on the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Illinois at their last annual communication, and published the letter of resignation by M. W. Bro. W. M. Wilson, of his position as Representative of that grand body in this jurisdiction. Further correspondence ensued and we are now enabled to place it before our readers, including a re-publication of Grand Master Wilson's resignation as representative, and we are satisfied that it will be read with much interest. In order to a more perfect understanding of the position, we present the following extract from the address of M. W. Grand Master Dewitt C. Cregier at the opening of the Grand Lodge of Illinois in Chicago, on the 1st day of October last. After accusing the Grand Lodge of Canada of having trampled upon the rights of a sister Grand Lodge by an illegal and unwarrantable invasion of its jurisdiction, "he recommends that in case the Grand Lodge of Canada refuses to recede from her present position towards the Grand Lodge of Quebec, the Grand Master be requested to revoke the commission of the Representative of this Grand Lodge near the Grand Lodge of Canada, and that he be authorized to proclaim that all masonic intercourse and fellowship between the said Grand Lodges cease, and be discontinued until the Grand Lodge of Canada shall renounce all masonic authority over the recognized territory of the Grand Lodge of Quebec. He would further recommend that no masons who are members of Lodges in the Province of Quebec, who are working under authority of the Grand Lodge of Canada be recognized in this jurisdiction."

The Committee to whom was referred the address of the Grand Master, reported a resolution in accordance with the above recommendation, which was adopted by Grand Lodge.

By a singular coincidence it appears that Grand Master Cregier is the Representative of the so-called Grand Lodge of Quebec and that our own Grand Master was at that time the Representative of the Grand Lodge of Illinois at the Grand Lodge of Canada.

We make no comment upon the foregoing correspondence, feeling it to be unnecessary, and believing also, that the position assumed by our Grand Master in the matter will meet the hearty approval of Grand Lodge.

We add for the information of several grand bodies and others concerned, that the next annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Canada will be held on the 9th July next, in the City of Montreal, in the Province of Quebec, at which a cordial welcome will doubtless be extended to all distinguished visitors. We also add for their information that there are still, in the Province of Quebec, twenty flourishing and prosperous lodges holding warrants, and loyally attached to, the Grand Lodge of Canada, and that in the said province there are some five or six lodges holding warrants from and working under the Grand Lodges of England and Scotland.