

fear, indeed, in too many instances the evidence is very marked—that the intent and very spirit of Masonry have been misunderstood by many of our brethren, and in many of our Lodges, or else wholly disregarded. It is not the Lodge who can best perform *'the work'* as it is sometimes called, and deliver the Lectures accurately, that makes it the best Lodge—for each Lodge is expected to have sufficient training for all this. Masons, in this respect, are like learned scholars, who are expected to spell correctly, for which they deserve no especial credit, but if they fail in spelling they deserve especial execration."

The Committee on the Grand Master's address presented a report recommending that "this Grand Lodge withhold its recognition of the Quebec movement as a just and lawfully constituted Lodge."

Number of Lodges, 16; Master Masons, 608.

The Chairman on Foreign Correspondence, R. W. Bro. Thomas M. Reed, presented a valuable and interesting report, reviewing 46 Proceedings in good style, Nova Scotia receiving a fraternal notice.

The Quebec-Canada question receives full attention from Bro. Reed, his sympathies being very pronounced in favor of the latter, although always fairly expressed.

M. W. David C. H. Rothschild, Grand Master. R. W. Thomas Milburn Reed, Grand Secretary.

#### WISCONSIN—1873.

Twenty-ninth Annual Communication, June 10th, 1873. M. W. Henry L. Palmer, Grand Master; and R. W. William T. Palmer, Grand Secretary. 148 Chartered and 5 Lodges U. D. represented. 170 Lodges in the Jurisdiction. 9,508 membership. Initiations 651. From the brief address of the Grand Master we learn that the fraternal relations with other governing organizations of the Craft remain undisturbed, and that a most commendable degree of harmony prevails within their own borders. During the year he issued dispensations to form six new Lodges and deferred others. On the subject of Correspondence he remarks:

"And here I desire to say another thing for the benefit of those who succeed me in official position. The correspondence of the Grand Master's office is infinitely larger than it ought to be. It has reached such an extent in this jurisdiction that a private secretary would now be exceedingly desirable, and if it continues to increase in the ratio of the past, five years hence such an office will be a necessity. And yet, seventy per cent. of all the letters