

Chapter of Quebec are illegal bodies by statute law, if they are nothing but illegal secret societies, they lose *ipso facto* any claims to Masonic acknowledgment, just as they forfeit any right of Masonic jurisdiction. We cannot see how American Grand Bodies can recognize them any more as an order. To be legal Masonic jurisdictions, they must be legal also by the laws of the land. If they require legalizing, as it is said, until they are legalized, as regards law-abiding Masons, they do not exist, can demand no acknowledgment, can exact no obedience."

American Grand Lodges are not influenced by the popish laws of a priest-ridden province, but are guided by the great fundamental principles of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth. The half million Masons of the United States will never for a moment be false to our brethren in Quebec.

ROB. MORRIS ON THE QUEBEC INVASION.

The following letter was received by R. E. Comp. Frank W. Baxter, from our veteran M. W. Bro. Rob. Morris. It will be read with interest by our readers:—

CHICAGO, Ill., Nov. 19, 1883.

MY DEAR BROTHER,—Spending the fall months here. Your favor of the 12th inst. is forwarded me from LaGrange, Ky.

I thank you for the Proclamation. Of course the Quebec Masons are right according to "the American theory," which indeed is the only one that is fraternal and Masonic, and will hold water.

Our transatlantic companions hold on as tenaciously as snapping turtles to their claims.

Those of us who remember the Canadian-English quarrel of 1855-57, see the same theory revived now. But the English will have to give

way, for we Americans far outnumber them, and our jurisprudence is far ahead of theirs.

You may be sure that every Grand Chapter in the United States will endorse Quebec, and that, too, very promptly.

Fraternally yours,

ROB. MORRIS.

THE MASONIC "HOME JOURNAL" AND CANADIAN TEMPLARS.

The *Masonic Home Journal*, in its issue of the 24th ult., becomes considerably mixed over the address of the Great Prior of Canada. It says:—

"M. E. Sir Kt. W. J. B. MacLeod Moore, Great Prior, etc., explained that the words 'Mason' or 'Masonry' are claimed to be corruptions of *Mesouratine*, meaning waiters, or seekers in the Temple, or those who waited to hear divine truths proclaimed.

"The true Mason, then, may be regarded as an aspirant after immortality, a devout worshipper of the Triune God, a lover of pure wisdom and truth, its true mysteries being unfurnished in any type or character but those which anciently related to the worship of the Triune God, or conducted to the great objects of moral instruction. But the Masonry of to-day is a totally distinct matter with which the simple and beautiful religious early symbol teaching has nothing to do."

"We will concede that *Mason* means 'waiter,' does it not then apply to those who served at the building of the Temple? Let us admit also that it means 'seekers in the Temple,' and we have those who came to learn to subdue passion and improve, morally, as taught in the temple service. The interpretation suits the case exactly and is such, according to our understanding, as operative Masonry had, and speculative Masonry has everything to do. We do not see how the