

RECOGNITION BY NINE GRAND LODGES.

It is with profound satisfaction that I have the honor to inform you that I have been officially notified that this Grand Lodge has been fraternally recognized, and heartily welcomed into the great sisterhood of Grand Lodges, by the nine following important grand bodies, namely:—the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, the Grand Lodges of the States of Maine, New Hampshire, Texas, Iowa, Wisconsin and Nebraska, by the Grand Lodge of the Province of Nova Scotia, and by the Grand Lodge of the Territory of Nevada.

The special gratitude of the Grand Lodge of Quebec is due, and with your sanction, is hereby tendered to these sister Grand Lodges.

Some of the reports of these and of other grand bodies in favor of this Grand Lodge, are documents of great research and marked ability. These, together with the addresses of several Grand Masters, and of other eminent Brethren, and the articles and editorials of rare learning in many of the leading Masonic periodicals, both in the Old world and in the New, will become future standards of appeal on nearly every question pertaining to Grand Lodge organization and jurisprudence. All these Brethren, will I trust be pleased to accept the hearty fraternal thanks of this Grand Lodge.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

I have appointed the following distinguished Brethren as Grand Representatives of this Grand Lodge, *near* their respective Grand Lodges, and I have no doubt that you will heartily ratify and confirm the same:—R. W. Bro. H. J. Martin, near the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia; M. W. Bro. J. H. Drummond, near the Grand Lodge of Maine; R. W. Bro. Wm. Barrett, near the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire; R. W. Bro. E. A. Guilbert, near the Grand Lodge of Iowa; R. W. Bro. S. Cadwallader, near the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin; M. W. Bro. P. W. Gray, near the Grand Lodge of Texas; R. W. Bro. Wise, near the Grand Lodge of Nebraska; R. W. Bro. G. T. Smithers, near the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia.

I have also received official information that the following able Brethren have been appointed Grand Representatives *near* this Grand Lodge:—R. W. Bro. W. B. Colby, from the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia; R. W. Bro. J. H. Isaacson, from the Grand Lodge of Maine; R. W. Bro. I. H. Stearns, from the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire; R. W. Bro. Edson Kemp, from the Grand