

MONTREAL, 22nd September, 1871.

The Joint Committee assembled at place of former meeting this day, at eleven o'clock, a. m. Present :

M. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson, R. W. Bros. White, Isaacson, Reid, Gutman, Milton, Montgomery, Edgar, Erskine, V. W. Bro. Tait, and W. Bro. Turner.

The draft Resolutions, as above, were submitted by R. W. Bros Isaacson and White respectively. After a long discussion, the Committees separated, and on reassembling the following was submitted and unanimously agreed to :

"Whereas, unhappily, differences and disputes have arisen, and are now existing in masonry in the Province of Quebec, between the Grand Lodge of Quebec, A. F. & A. M. and her subordinates on the one part, and the several lodges in the said Province still holding under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Canada on the other part.

"And, whereas, with the view to terminate and for ever end said differences and restore harmony throughout the craft in the said Province, the said lodges, to wit : the said party of the second part, are willing to amalgamate and join with the said party of the first part, to wit : the said The Grand Lodge of Quebec, and the said party of the first part are willing to accept said lodges into their organization or Grand body, the same as if they, the said lodges, had originally taken part in said organization.

"And it is agreed by both said parties that all questions, viz., names of lodges, distribution of property in the case of duplicate lodges, and priority of number in the case of all lodges, shall be left entirely to a committee of six, three of whom shall be named from the party of the first part, and three from the party of the second part, with power to said committee to name an arbitrator, and the decision of said committee and umpire to be final.

"And the committee representing the G. L. of Q., hereby agree to submit the above terms for the acceptance of their Grand Lodge. And the committee representing the Lodges under the jurisdiction of the G. L. of C., hereby agree to recommend the above terms to the representatives of the lodges at a meeting to be held by such representatives for that purpose.

The Conference then adjourned.

A. A. STEVENSON,
Chairman.

JOHN H. ISAACSON,
Secretary.

THE QUEBEC DIFFICULTY.

We received, just before going to press, a copy of the resolutions passed at the meeting of representatives of Lodges working under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Canada, in the Province of Quebec, held at Montreal on the 12th instant, and have only space to give them, reserving comments until a future occasion. We may mention, however, that the meeting was well attended, all the Lodges with one exception, caused by delay in the arrival of the Quebec steamer, being represented either directly or by proxy. The utmost unanimity prevailed, and the determination, in view of the insane and insulting conduct of the so-called Grand Lodge of Quebec, to maintain allegiance to the Grand Lodge of Canada, was hearty and spontaneous. Here are the resolutions :—

"Moved by M. W. Bro. Stevenson, seconded by R. W. Bro. Erskine, "Whereas the the representatives of the Lodges, working under the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Canada, acting under the authority of a resolution passed at the last Annual Communication of the said Grand Lodge, did on the 13th day of September ult., appoint a committee or committees to be named by Lodges working under other jurisdictions, with a view to the establishment of Masonic union and harmony within this Province.

"And whereas by the report of the said Committee it appears that a conference was held on the 21st and 22nd days of September, between it and a committee appointed by the Grand Master of the so-called Grand Lodge of Quebec, at which conference certain resolutions were agreed upon as a basis of union, such resolutions being as