

istence, without standing or recognition, and with but scant influence. It also well knows that since that recognition it has rapidly grown into public favor. Its growth has been so rapid that it forgets its solemn promises and would dictate to the 199,000 R. A. M. of America, through its mouthpiece, the London *Freemason*, what shall and what shall not comprise Capitular Masonry; who has gone to that extent of egotism as to assert that Capitular Masonry, as practiced in England, is right and the rest of the world wrong. Such a statement, coming from the source that it does, sounds like the quintessence of egotism, and in this instance spread on "decidedly thick."

It is not Quebec alone that the Grand Lodge of M. M. M. of England is waging war against, but the whole system of American Capitular Masonry. Quebec being a small Grand Body receives the first attack.

When they attack the Grand Chapter of Quebec, on that issue, they likewise attack every Grand Chapter in America. If they can establish Mark Lodges within the jurisdiction of one, they can in another. Therefore, no jurisdiction is safe from the greed of that Grand Body of Mark Masons, and the only point of safety lies in insisting that they shall live up to the compacts that they have made, and in giving them to fully understand that compacts once made cannot be broken with impunity.

It has been stated by one high in authority in the Grand Lodge of M. M. M. of England, that had they (England) supposed that the Grand Chapter of Quebec claimed exclusive control over the Mark Degree in the Province of Quebec, that they would not have granted them recognition. I have heard many nonsensical statements in my short life, but I must admit that this one "caps the climax."

There is but one of two things, either the leaders of the Grand Lodge of M. M. M. of England wilfully misrepresent, or they are culpably igno-

rant. If it is ignorance, my advice would be, to at once commence the study of Masonic law, courtesy, and logic, especially that portion that pertains to contracts. If it is a misrepresentation of the facts in the case in order to gain time, then they alone must take the consequences.

There are the terms of recognition of both the General Grand Chapter of the United States, and the Grand Chapter of Quebec, in terms so plain that any school boy can understand them; there is no opportunity for any misconstruction of the words that they contain.

Can it be that "the powers that are" of the Grand Lodge of M. M. M. of England care so little for that recognition by American Grand Bodies, that they failed to read the conditions attached? If such is the case, it would be better that they commence investigations at once, and "see themselves as others see them." If ignorance is a fact, we pity them; but, to use a street expression, that plea "is too thin." We do not yet believe that the leaders of that Grand Body are so negligent of their duties as not to know the express conditions attached to so important a matter as their recognition by other Grand Bodies. If it is not ignorance, then what is it? Let echo answer, I cannot. If the Grand Lodge of M. M. M. of England would be at peace with the whole Masonic world, it must forthwith divest itself of the idea that it can over-ride the established laws of other jurisdictions. It must fulfill its contracts. It must further divest itself of the erroneous idea that colonial Masons have no rights which they, in any way, are bound to respect; and still further, that the Royal Arch Masons of the United States are not only thoroughly aroused in this matter, but that they keenly feel the insult offered the General Grand Chapter of the United States, for as such it is considered, and will be until the *amends honorable* is made.