

"That Grand Committee recommend recognition of the independence of the Grand Lodge in British Columbia, but without prejudice to the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Scotland over any lodge who may now or hereafter choose to adhere to her in that colony of the British crown."

The following resolution was adopted :

That, whereas, it is an established custom throughout the world, that all sovereign Grand Lodges have the sole jurisdiction within their own territory.

And, whereas, the rider attached to the aforesaid resolution of the Grand Lodge of Scotland reserves to herself the right to issue charters for any body of masons that might desire to obtain a charter within its jurisdiction.

Now, therefore, we, the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, desire it to be distinctly understood that we do not recognize the right of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, or any other Grand Lodge to issue charters, or in any way interfere within the jurisdiction of the Province of British Columbia.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

The question of the recognition of New South Wales is intimately connected with that of exclusive Grand Lodge jurisdiction. Nebraska, British Columbia and New Mexico have recognized New South Wales, in 1879.

MISSOURI refused to recognize New South Wales. The following special report on correspondence was adopted :—

The latest information respecting this far off claimant for recognition is to the effect, as stated last year, that the Grand Lodge of New South Wales "does not yet command the allegiance of a majority of the lodges" in that colony. It may safely be assumed that if a minority of lodges within given territory can organize a Grand Lodge, the remaining lodges which do not join the organization, they being in the majority, may also form a Grand Lodge. Their claims to recognition would then be based upon which had the greater number of lodges in obedience to them, rather than the regularity of their formation or their legal existence. We should, therefore, refrain from the recognition of the Grand Lodge of New South Wales, because the greater number of lodges in that territory do not adhere to the present organization. We fraternally submit that the unqualified recognition of any Grand Lodge as sovereign within given territory, while there are non-adhering lodges there, owing allegiance to, and receiving protection from other Grand Lodges is impracticable if not dangerous. From this unwise and unguarded action on the part of Grand Lodges has sprung up questions and issues that are now disturbing the peace of the great masonic family. The recommendation of your committee, therefore, is that the Grand Lodge of New South Wales be not recognized.

UNITED GRAND LODGE OF COLON AND THE ISLAND OF CUBA.

The Grand Lodge of Colon and Cuba has been recognized by—

Alabama.	New Hampshire.
British Columbia.	Nevada.
Canada.	Pennsylvania.
Connecticut.	Prince Edward Island.
Maine.	Rhode Island.
Missouri.	South Carolina.
Massachusetts.	Texas.
Montana.	Utah.
New Brunswick.	West Virginia.