

function of a Master Mason, and if that has failed to remind them of their duty, what further can we say? One thing we do know, and that is, no lodge can ever reach its highest state of success until this evil is rectified, and we do hope the Brethren will see that they are not individually responsible for the sickly attendance of our regular communications.

### ORDERS OF ARCHITECTURE.

There are five Orders, namely; the Tuscan, Doric, Ionic, Corinthian and Composite. The Tuscan and Composite are Roman; the Doric, Ionic and Corinthian, are Greek. The Tuscan is but a modification of the Doric, and the Composite is a combination of the Ionic and Corinthian. The three Greek Orders of Architecture are the most highly esteemed by Freemasons. They are the counterparts of the three earlier Orders of the Egyptians and other more ancient nations.

The three symbolic pillars of the Temple of Solomon, were those of wisdom, strength and beauty, respectively represented by Solomon, King of Israel, Hiram, King of Tyre, and Hiram A. B.

These three pillars, represented by columns of the three Greek Orders of Architecture, symbolically support every lodge of Freemasons. The Ionic column, which is that of wisdom, and its symbolic officer, are situated in the east; the Doric column, strength, and its symbolic officer are situated in the west; and the Corinthian, beauty, and its symbolic officer are situated in the south. The emblematic position of these columns, during the hours of labor and refreshment, are well known to expert craftsmen.

The lessons in allegory, derivable from these symbols of architecture, are of incalculable value to all Temple-builders whose Supreme Grand Master is the Great Architect of the universe.

### QUEBEC vs. GRAND MARK LODGE OF ENGLAND.

Grand Chapters which have passed resolutions forbidding all intercourse with the Grand Mark Lodge of England, or with English Mark Masons.—*fourteen*, viz.:—

Canada, District of Columbia, Florida, Illinois, Maine, Massachusetts, Mississippi, Nevada, Oregon, Texas, Vermont, Virginia, Louisiana, Minnesota.

Grand Chapters which have passed resolutions that Mark Master Masons holding certificates under Quebec should be alone recognized—*two*, viz.:—

Connecticut, Iowa.

Grand Chapters which have passed resolutions endorsing and upholding Quebec's action—*ten*, viz.:—

Colorado, *General Grand Chapter of the United States*, Indiana, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, North Carolina, Wisconsin, Nova Scotia, Dakota.

Grand Chapters which have passed resolutions requesting the Grand Lodge of M. M. Masons of England and Wales to withdraw from Quebec territory—*seven*, viz.:—

Arkansas, Delaware, Kentucky, Maryland, Nebraska, New Hampshire, Michigan.

Grand Chapters which have referred the subject to the General Grand Chapter—*seven*, viz.:—

Alabama, California, Georgia, Kansas, Missouri, New Jersey, New York.

Grand Chapters which have referred the subject to committees, and who have not as yet reported—*one*, viz.:—

Rhode Island.

Grand Chapters not heard from—*three*, viz.:—

Tennessee, West Virginia, Washington Territory.

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