

"The unwholesome law gives a scrub member (I am sorry to say—yet it is true—we have such within our Lodges) an opportunity to vent his unprincipled spleen upon a good man, who perchance, hath some time or other offended him, and thus spot and tarnish his good name, and forever keep him on the blackmailed list, as a dishonored man, and from which there is no relief or remedy for the innocent and helpless victim. O, for shame brethren! Do not blackmail men; if you do not want them, reject them like men and Masons, do not follow or pursue them malignantly and despoil their good names forever, but act like charitable men, that is, if you do not want them, do not take them. In the name of Charity leave them as good as you found them."

The task of reviewing Quebec's proceedings fell to Bro. Reed, and is sympathetically performed. We find liberal extracts from the address of Grand Master Johnson, and well merited compliments to Grand Secretary Isaacson upon his Report of Foreign Correspondence.

#### QUEBEC-ENGLAND.

In her difficulty with England, the Grand Lodge of Quebec has the cordial sympathy and moral support of her Washington brethren, though there is an unfortunate difference of opinion as to the extent to which they should aid us. This is another question upon which Brother Ziegler and Brother Reed seem to have agreed to differ. The first mentioned Brother is full to overflowing with a desire to aid us in standing for our just rights, and in striving for the restoration of Masonic "peace with honor." To the fraternal action of Maine in refusing to recognize any Quebec Mason unless he be in obedience to this Grand Lodge, Brother Ziegler says:—"We say *Amen*, and hope that all Grand Lodges will do the same and follow suit." Referring to the action of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, which requested the Grand Master to issue his edict of non-intercourse against the recusant lodges of the English Constitution, now existing in the city of Montreal, he says:—"This meets with our hearty approbation, and hope all Grand Lodges may profit by her example."

Under "Idaho" we find again:—

"The Grand Lodge, by resolution, declared non-intercourse with the members of those Lodges in the Province of Quebec, who do not hold allegiance to the Grand Lodge of Quebec. This we consider a proper step in the right direction and truly hope that every Grand Lodge may do likewise; yet, upon the whole, we think the Grand Lodge stopped short of imperative duty, and ought to have extended her edict to the Grand Lodge and her subordinates, who encourage such stubborn disobedience and wilful violation of Masonic comity as is manifested by those English Lodges in Montreal. We, for one, do not believe in flinging edicts of non-intercourse, as wanton boys fling footballs, for pure amusement. Yet there are limits to all rules, and times when forbearance ceases to be a virtue, and this Quebec trouble is one of them. Indeed it is a sore old enough to be cancerous, having the stench of fifteen years of accumulated virus, and succeeding in inoculating the entire Masonic World with the spirit of discontent. It is therefore necessary that further forbearance be suspended and more effective measures resorted to, hence we say, stop playing company with those interested in this great Masonic carbuncle of rottenness."