

other Grand Lodges of the Dominion and the United States, to submit to this indignity, because these English Lodges in Montreal are "loyal." We don't care for such "loyalty" in Canada,—a "loyalty" which tends to bring the premier Grand Lodge of the world into disrepute, amongst those who naturally love, respect and honor her and her Grand Master, H. R. H. the Prince of Wales, the heir apparent to the throne, and the future King of Great Britain and Canada.

### UNION OF THE SOVEREIGN SANCTUARIES.

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We understand that the two Sovereign Sanctuaries, exercising jurisdiction over the various rites of Egyptian Masonry, are both summoned to special convocations on the 21st inst. The one presided over by M. W. Bro. Geo. C. Longley, will be held at the Mason's Hall, Prescott, and the one of which M. W. Bro. Ramsay is Grand Master, will convene at the same time in Memphis Hall, Toronto. The object of these gatherings is to consummate a plan of union that has been informally adopted between the two Grand Masters and their respective Grand Officers.

There is no doubt Union will take place on that occasion, and the advantages of the same will be very great. The United Grand Body will exercise jurisdiction and protection over the following rites and orders, and all members of either Sov. Sanctuary, on presenting their diplomas will be entitled to the other degrees and grades *ad eundam* and

free of charge; (1) The Anc. and Ac. Egyptian or Supreme Rite of Memphis, 96°; The Anc. and Primitive Rite, 33°; The Oriental Rite of Mizraim, 90°; The Reformed Egyptian Rite, 33°. These are generally acknowledged as "The Egyptian Rites and Orders of Freemasonry." The second is a condensation of the first, and was acknowledged by the Grand Orient of France, when that body endeavored to smother the parent or Memphis Rite. The fourth in the same way is a condensation of the third, which must be acknowledged as the oldest Masonic high grade body in existence, the constitution of its Mother Supreme Power, the Sov. Sanctuary of Italy, from which all the others sprang, bearing date 1747, thirty years after the revival and transformation of Craft Masonry in 1717, and half a century previous to the birth of Scotch Ritism.

Besides these degrees, there are The Swedenborgian Rite, The Royal Oriental Order of Apex, or Sat Bhai; The Capitular Order of High Priesthood; The Masonic Order of St. Lawrence; The Red Branch Knights of Erin; The High Council of Allied Degrees, the same as in England.

In addition to the advantage of having all these degrees under one sovereign head, letters have been received from Europe from which it is evident that European and Egyptian recognition will be immediately extended, when the powers there are officially notified of the settlement of existing differences, and the consummation of this Union. We can sincerely say that we wish all prosperity to the same; these degrees are all open to Master Masons in good