

GUIBORD AND MASONRY.

THE refusal on the part of the Romish priests of Montreal to allow the burial of Guibord in the Roman Catholic Cemetery, did not arise out of the mere fact that the deceased had been connected with the "Institut Canadien." It is true that the society has been called secret, which we believe it is not, for it is altogether literary in its character, but it seems to have become obnoxious to the church when a number of Freemasons joined it, and it was immediately placed under ban on that account. Poor Guibord, who was not a Mason, declined the advice of the priest to leave the society, and for so doing he forfeited the privileges of the church. When he died he was refused ecclesiastical burial, but his friends were not willing to put up with this priestly tyranny, and accordingly appealed to the law, which sustained them. It was held that although the priesthood might refuse to bury him in accordance with the rites of the Church, he was at all events entitled to the piece of ground in the cemetery purchased during his life time, and his remains were therefore ordered to be removed thither. The result of the attempt to carry out the order of the Privy Council is fresh in the minds of all, and the course pursued in resisting the burial has been justly denounced.

The action of the Montreal priests was evidently taken with the view of dragging Masonry into the matter. Although it had no connection with the affair, it became desirable on the part of the church to evince the spirit of persecution that has so long pervaded it. Masonry certainly loses nothing by the course adopted, still enough has been done to show that Roman Catholicism is antagonistic to Masons wherever they exist. The simple fact of Guibord being driven beyond the pale of the church on account of his holding membership in a society in company with Masons, is sufficient to convince the world of the intolerance and hatred nurtured by the Romish hierarchy against our Order. They never lose a chance of manifesting the feeling they entertain, but the instance in question is of such a character as to stamp these modern persecutors as the worst and most intolerant of their race. To deny Christian burial to a fellow creature, merely because he was found associated in a literary society with persons, some of whom happened to be members of a secret and benevolent order, presents the most monstrous feature of religious intolerance that has ever been witnessed in this country. Let us hope it is the last thing of its kind.

QUEBEC GRAND LODGE.

WE published last month the most important part of the annual address of the Grand Master of the Province of Quebec. The *Masonic News* supplies a *resume* of the proceedings, which we abbreviate:

It was moved and seconded that the conditional recognition of the Grand Lodge of England be not accepted, to which two amendments were moved, one to the effect that the recognition be accepted, and the other that the consideration of the same be postponed until the next communication, a committee to be appointed to confer with the lodges in the Province under warrants from other Grand Lodges, and to report the same. The latter amendment was carried.

The Grand Lodges of Manitoba, Prince Edward Island, and the territory of Wyoming, were recognized.

A resolution of sorrow and sympathy was adopted in connection