

matter; from beginning to end, it exhibits abundant proofs of originality, scholarship, and deep Masonic lore; in short, it is a great task excellently performed, and to be appreciated should be seen and read. Unless our Brother Gurney is a man of leisure, having no particular avocation calling on his time, he must have consumed much "midnight oil" and "wear and tear" of brain to have produced so complete and excellent a work. We could, with advantage to our constituents, direct their attention to many subjects of great interest therein, but space and time will not permit, and we must rest content with noticing his remarks anent Quebec. They are of a nature very acceptable, supporting all our views and proceedings in regard to our misunderstanding with England, whose holding in the question is stated as "absurd" and "unworthy of a serious denial."

Commenting on the recommendation of our Committee on the State of Masonry adopted by Grand Lodge at its meeting in Sherbrooke, wherein it is advised to declare, after due notice, non-intercourse with all lodges and brethren in the Province who will not array themselves beneath our banner and join our register. It thus remarks:—"We hope the Grand Master will act promptly. The Grand Lodges of the Continent will reply "with an Amen—that will carry with it a force gratifying to every intelligent Craftsman of America. Any unnecessary delay in this thing will "be certain to create a feeling that the brethren of Quebec are remiss in "duty to themselves, and to the Grand Lodges that have so cordially "accepted them into the sisterhood of governing bodies of the fraternity. "It is a matter of regret to know that this controversy has become "public. The secular journals of the Province are often the mediums of "recrimination. When the Grand Lodge of *Quebec acts*, and it is found "that it has the co-operation and support of the Grand Lodges of the "Continent, this unnatural contest will soon come to an end."

In earnestly directing the attention of this Grand Lodge and the Craft generally throughout its jurisdiction to the above, we ask will the words be read and forgotten? We trow not! And are fully assured that the action of Grand Lodge at its present session on the subject referred to will be of so decisive a character as to satisfy her sister of Illinois and other Grand Lodges that we intend firmly to uphold the doctrine that every Grand Lodge is sovereign alone in its jurisdiction, admitting no other Foreign power to rule therein. If we have submitted to "things otherwise" heretofore, and for a period of over fourteen years, it was from a feeling of forbearance to our parents in Masonry. This, however, has not been appreciated, and the sword once drawn will not again be sheathed until we receive full and ample satisfaction in the premises.

We desire to acknowledge the receipt of a copy of the Proceedings of Illinois from our representative at that Grand Lodge, M. W. Bro. DeWitt C. Cregier.

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