

M. W. Bro. Wilson's letter of resignation reads as follows :

SIMCOE, 10th March, 1873,

R. W. SIR AND BROTHER. —

I this morning received a Copy of the printed proceedings of the business transacted at the Annual Communication of your Grand Lodge, held in October last; on perusing which, I observe, that on the suggestion of the Grand Master (who is also the Representative of the so-called Grand Lodge of Quebec), a resolution was adopted by the Grand Lodge of Illinois expressing sentiments of a most dictatorial and unfriendly character towards the Grand Lodge of Canada.

In order to relieve your Grand Master from the discharge of a part of the duty imposed upon him by the resolution referred to, I lose no time in resigning the appointment which I at present hold as the Representative of your Grand Lodge, to the Grand Lodge of Canada, a body with which I am proud to be connected.

With reference to the threat of a proclamation of non-intercourse, contained in the said resolution, I have no hesitation in saying, that neither threats nor edicts, will ever induce the masons of this jurisdiction to recede from a position which they know to be masonically correct; and in saying so, I feel confident that I express the sentiments of every mason owing allegiance to the Grand Lodge of Canada.

You will please place this letter, at your earliest convenience, before the Most Worshipful the Grand Master of Illinois, for his information.

I have the honor to be

R. W. Sir and Bro.,

Yours fraternally,

WM. M. WILSON

Late Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Illinois in the Grand Lodge of Canada

R. W. Bro. Orlin H. Miner,

Grand Secretary Grand Lodge of Illinois.

## DEDICATION OF A NEW MASONIC HALL AT OTTAWA.

On Friday, the 21st March, an Emergent meeting of the Masons of Ottawa was convened for the purpose of assisting the M. W. Grand Master, Judge Wilson, in the ceremonies of dedicating a new Masonic Hall, which had recently been erected and completed for the use of the Masonic Fraternity of that city. The following being the officers for the occasion:

M. W. Bro. W. M. Wilson, Grand Master, R. W. Bro. J. P. Featherstone, as D. G. Master, V. W. Bro. D. Eastwood as G. Sen. Warden, W. Bro. Amos Rowe, as G. Jun. Warden, Bro. J. Stiff as Grand Registrar, W. Bro. H. Michaels as G. Treasurer, W. Bro. H. Timbers as G. Sec., W. Bro. G. L. Orme as G. Sup. of Works, R. W. Bro. E. C. Barber, D. D. G. M., as G. Dir. of Cer., Bro. J. Kerr, as G. Sen. Deacon, Bro. W. Butterworth, as G. J. Deacon, W. Bro. W. McLean as G. Organist, Bro. Lambkin, as G. Pursuivant, Bro. M. MacCarthy, as G. Tyler, Bros. P. Stiff, W. Baldwin, W. R. Wright, and W. A. Rea, as G. Stewards, and about 150 Brethren from the City Lodges.

The Ceremonies of Dedication having been completed, the Masons of Ottawa entertained the M. W. Grand Master to a Banquet, where toasts, speeches and sentiments reigned supreme, and everything passed off in the most satisfactory manner to the delight of all present.

RICHARD CŒUR DE LION ENCAMPMENT, MONTREAL.—The following are the principal officers for the current year: E. † Frater Isaac H. Stearns, Eminent Commander; E. Frater Thomas Milton, First Captain C. C.; E. Frater David R. McCord, Second Captain C. C.