

and arrangement of which we are indebted to Bro. R. Taylor, of Nevada, to whose Masonic learning and graceful pen the fraternity in the United States has been for many years very largely indebted."

Bro. O. S. Long for the Committee says in conclusion :

"Among the Grand Lodges there is harmony, and over all Masonic affairs on the American continent, Peace hovers with white wings. The Canada and Quebec question, which was the latest and most threatening 'cloud that lowered o'er our house,' is now 'in the deep bosom of the ocean buried.' The fraternal principles of the society have found a fresh triumph in the amicable settlement of all matters in controversy between the Grand Lodge of Canada and the new Grand Lodge of Quebec; the independence of the latter body has been fully and fraternally recognized by the former, and Quebec now entertains for Canada a filial regard that is perhaps all the more tender because of the discords of the past.

"The Grand Orient, of France and the Grand Lodge of Hamburg still maintain their denial of the doctrine of exclusive territorial jurisdiction, though the former shows some signs of weakening. Should both agree to countenance no further infringements upon Grand Lodge domain in this country, the Foreign Correspondence Committees would be despoiled of a large part of their thunder, and, especially in Louisiana and Missouri and New York, would suffer the pangs of *ennui*."

Grand Master and Grand Secretary re-elected.)

#### WASHINGTON—1873.

Sixteenth Annual Grand Communication, September 3rd, 1873.  
M. W. Granville O. Hatter, Grand Master; and R. W. Thomas M. Reed, Grand Secretary. 14 Lodges represented.

The M. W. Grand Master of Oregon visited the Grand Lodge during the Session.

Dispensations to form two new Lodges had been issued. He advises the division of the jurisdiction into districts, and recommends that as, by the legal formation of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, the rights of Canada were properly terminated, that it is time to decide for themselves the position they will take upon this vital question of jurisdiction. Considerable attention is given to the details of a trial case. Closing the Address he says :

"In reviewing the past year, with sorrow and regret I have had to admit to myself, that Masonry, in our jurisdiction, is not entirely satisfactory. I

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