

forth some of the reasons for its formation, and requesting fraternal recognition, the establishment of fraternal correspondence and communication, and the interchange of representatives.

On the 21st January, I also directed the Grand Secretary to distribute, as above, a brief additional note, chiefly regarding the adhesion of several excellent Lodges of different registries, our recognition by the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, and the general prosperity of this Grand Body.

And on account of the very unfraternal efforts of certain officials of the Grand Lodge of "Canada" to prejudice our cause among sister Grand Lodges, and to rectify the many incorrect statements contained in a voluminous report of an emergent communication of that Grand Lodge, held on December 1st, and which was circulated world-wide; and, because of the impracticability of sending autograph replies to the numerous letters of enquiry received from almost every part of the Masonic world, I prepared and caused to be printed and circulated, a detailed and somewhat complete "Statement concerning the Grand Lodge of Quebec," containing a narrative of some of the leading events preceding and subsequent to its formation, refuting some of the arguments that had been brought forward against it, and citing some of the precedents, customs, usages and constitutions of our Order, in favor of the rightful existence, regular formation and supreme authority of this Grand Lodge in and for the Province of Quebec. I believe it has not been shown that there is a single material error (other than typographical) in either "The Statement" or "The Address," and it will be of no little interest for you to learn that not a few eminent juris-consults—masonic authors—leading journalists and other learned Brethren in many parts of the world, have by letter and otherwise been pleased most fraternally to express their commendation of the spirit and substance of our printed documents, and also to give the gratifying assurance that the facts and arguments therein were to them an end of all controversy anent the Grand Lodge of Quebec.

From the able reports of the R. W. the D. D. G. Masters, the Board of General Purposes, and of other Grand Lodge Committees, you will receive special information concerning the state of the craft in their respective Districts, and of many matters of great practical interest and importance.

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