

that are yet to be born, those to whom it is our duty to hand down the principles of our Order unimpaired will not be asked to separate themselves from those of their Brethren who will not worship at the same altar, or subscribe their preference for the same form of national government?

Notwithstanding the length to which our notice of Pennsylvania has already attained, we cannot resist the temptation to reproduce Bro. Vaux's admirable treatment of a matter to which we have devoted considerable space and attention in a former report—the regrettable action of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, in the case of the Brother of Vienna Lodge, who expressed his disbelief in the God of the Bible and in the Sacred Volume itself. He says:—

The Holy Bible is "the Great Light" in Freemasonry. To be in the light is one aim of Masonic teaching. No man can be a Mason who denies the authority and power of God's word as proclaimed in our Bible. Better had he never been born who reads it to laugh or reads to scorn. A Lodge of Freemasons which denies the character, purpose or influence of "the Great Light," denies its Masonic life and its right to Masonic existence. When a Grand Lodge of the Craft fails in courage, in duty, in its responsibilities to the eternal truth of Freemasonry, to assert it against the insidious or open attack on the very foundation of our institution, it parts with one of its highest claims to be a Masonic body.

In this "Vienna Lodge" issue, we hold the action of the Grand Lodge of Illinois to be the most dangerous and cowardly attack upon Freemasonry since the Grand Orient of France abolished God from its ritual. *Dangerous*, because it may be cited as authority by somebody; *cowardly*, because of the lack of true courage to do right.

Quebec's Proceedings for 1888 are kindly noticed, as the following extracts will indicate:—

Grand Master Walker's address refers to the continuing dispute between England and his jurisdiction. It seems that a body of persons claiming to be Masons, in Manchester, England, petitioned Quebec for a charter. Odd, wasn't it? Well, Grand Master Walker took this opportunity to read the Manchester petitioners and the Grand Lodge of England a very pertinent lesson on the sovereignty of Grand Lodges. The petition, of course, was refused, and a correspondence between Grand Master Walker and Grand Secretary of England, Shadwell H. Clerk, was the outcome. Altogether, it is a very refreshing incident.

Grand Master Walker is entitled to credit for his good sense, as shown in this matter.