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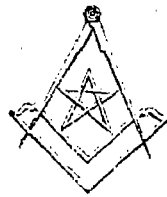
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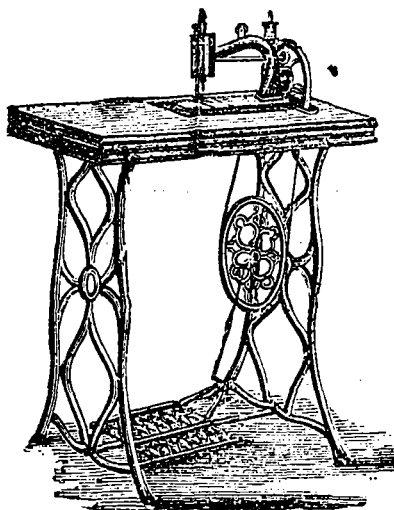
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Foreign Items.

GERMANY.

The Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Germany, celebrated on the 24th of June its centennial birthday. The festivity was rendered more attractive by the anticipation of members from home lodges, also from all daughter lodges. The Grand Lodges of Sweden, Denmark, England, Netherlands and Belgium sent also representatives. The festivities began with a prelude on the evening of the 23d, consisting chiefly of receptions and the introduction of representatives from abroad. The Crown Prince, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Russia, took part in these ceremonies, and was in the uniform of a General of Infantry. A collation was served, after business was ended. The main feast on St. John's day began at 1½ p.m., and lasted until 4 o'clock, the Crown Prince presiding. In a lengthy speech H. R. Highness spoke of masonry and lodge work and its practical application, and alluded eloquently to the historical value of the day. The different deputies followed in short salutations. The King of Sweden, Grand Master of the Lodge of Sweden, besides sending a very kind letter, had deputed Baron Salza, in his and Prince Oskar's name. Consul Gad expressed his regards, as representative from Denmark, and afterwards read the Crown Prince a letter from the King of Prussia sent from Ems. About 5 o'clock the grand collation was served, and the G. M. the Crown Prince, gave the first toast in honor of his majesty, the King of Prussia as Grand Protector of the Grand Lodge of Prussia.

The Lodges in New Mexico are talking of organizing a Grand Lodge. They are at present wholly, we believe, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Missouri.

GRAND LODGE OF INDIANA.

This Grand Lodge held its Annual Communication at Indianapolis, on the 24th of May, M. W. Martain H. Rice presiding, and the other Grand Officers in their places. The attendance was large, and as this is one of the largest Grand Lodges in the country, the business before it was, of course, correspondingly large. The Grand Master delivered a well written address, on the opening of the session, in which he refers to the organization of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, but gives no opinion on the subject.

MASONIC CHARITY SCHOOL IN IRELAND.

A very interesting ceremony took place last month in the city of Dublin, Ireland, at the annual meeting of the Masonic Female Orphan School. About seven o'clock the large Exhibition Palace at Earlsfort Terrace was thrown open and the visitors were entertained with a selection of music performed by the military bands in the large concert hall. At eight o'clock His Grace the Duke of Leinster, M. W. Grand Master of Ireland; the officers of the Grand Lodge; the Provincial Grand Masters of Ireland; the representatives from the Grand Lodges of England, Scotland, and the foreign Grand Lodges; the officers of the Dublin Lodges; and several prominent brethren assembled in the small concert room and marched in procession to the large concert hall, where the Grand Master was received with Grand honors. The pupils of the school then entered the hall, followed by the pupils from the Masonic Orphan Boy's School, and took up a position on the platform erected for the purpose. The psalm "With one consent let all the earth to God their cheerful voices raise," was then sung by all present, after which the Grand Chaplain offered up a prayer, and the proceedings were duly organized. Several prominent brethren of the Craft addressed the meeting, after which the procession was re-formed and proceeded to the Glass building, where the several prizes and certificates awarded at the last annual examination were distributed by the M. W. Grand Master. During the evening the pupils performed several excellent selections on the pianoforte. A very large attendance of brethren were present in full regalia, and the ladies, among whom were several persons of rank, appeared in full evening dress.

Some months ago the Freemasons of Gloucestershire expressed a wish to undertake the restoration of some distinct portion of the Gloucester Cathedral, and it was suggested that they should provide the new reredos, at a cost then estimated at £600. A committee was appointed by the Provincial Grand Lodge, the £600 was raised, and at a recent meeting it was ordered that a communication should be made to the Dean to the effect that the Freemasons are prepared with the £600, the amount which they were led to believe the restoration of the reredos would cost, and are most anxious to undertake that work; but that the committee do not believe it to be possible to obtain a larger subscription. The cost of the reredos, as designed by Mr. Gilbert Scott, is expected to be about £2,000.—*London Times.*

The corner stone of the new Albert bridge at Hutcheson Town was laid by the Earl of Dalhousie, Grand Master of Scotland, on the 3d of June last.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

We learn from the *Sydney Herald* of March 25, that the R. W. Br. James Squire Farnell was formally installed as Provincial Grand Master of New South Wales, under the authority of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, R. W. Br. John Williams, Past District Grand Master under the Grand Lodge of England, performing the ceremonies, assisted by the brethren of the English, Scotch and Irish Lodges of the Province. The Provincial Grand Master proceeded to address the brethren at some length on the end and object of Freemasonry, insisting strongly on the moral beauty of the system, and its numerous advantages. He was most anxious that a United Grand Lodge should here be established, and he hoped that his tenure of office here might possibly enable him to do somewhat that would tend to advance so desirable an end. He should like to see an Australian Grand Lodge, believing that they were quite able to manage their own affairs—(cheers)—especially as their interests as Masons in this part of the world were all very closely identified. Until that union was effected he would do all he could to co-operate with Masons of other constitutions.

Should this last suggestion be carried out, as it undoubtedly will be at no distant day, the Grand Lodge of England will be deprived of another of her Masonic Provinces. The whole of her foreign jurisdictions are tending to this end, and it might be worthy of her serious consideration, whether it would not be better to afford them, voluntarily, all the facilities and encouragement necessary for its accomplishment.

SCOTLAND.

GRAND LODGE.—The Quarterly Communication of this Body was held on the 2d of May, when the R. W. Substitute Grand Master, Henry Ingles, of Torsance, occupied the Throne. Brother Captain Henry Morland was appointed Provincial Grand Master of Western India, was ushered into the Grand Lodge with full honors, and invested with the regalia of his office in due form. A Representative was received and acknowledged from the Grand Lodge of Three Globes in Prussia, and the said Representative was received with every mark of honor and esteem, and invested with the dignity of his new office amid the acclamations and congratulations of his brethren. The Right Honorable Viscount Strathallen was also received as Representative of the Grand Lodge of Denmark. A Charter was granted to Lodge 503, at Helensburg. The demise of Brother Law, Grand Director of ceremonies, was announced, and a letter of condolence ordered to be sent to his widow.

A New Lodge was consecrated at Georgetown, Demerara, West Indies, on the 12th of May last, under a Charter from Grand Lodge of England. One hundred and forty brethren were present, and the ceremonies were elaborate and well performed.

By the report of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick, we see that steps were taken towards the erection of a Masonic temple, and to have a festival in connection with the annual communication.

GRAND LODGE OF WISCONSIN.

In Grand Senior Warden Turner's Mauston *Star*, we find the following item anent the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin, whose annual communication began at Milwaukee June 14th.

The session commenced on Tuesday morning, some four hundred members being in attendance. The finances and general condition of the craft were reported in a most flourishing state.

The election was held on Wednesday, resulting in the choice of the following officers: Gabriel Bouck, Oshkesh, Grand Master; John Turner, Mauston, Senior Grand Warden; D. C. Lamb, Fond du Lac, Junior Grand Warden; W. H. Hiner, Fond du Lac, Grand Treasurer; W. T. Palmer, Milwaukee, Grand Secretary.

The whole number of Lodges in the State is 160. The membership is reported at 8,944 Master Masons—an increase of 393 during the year.

The corner-stone of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument at Providence, R. I. was laid with masonic honors on the same day, by invitation of the General Assembly of the State. It was one of the grandest masonic demonstrations ever witnessed in Rhode Island. Most of the Lodges and Encampments in the State, and several of both grades from Massachusetts, were present. The oration was delivered by Br. General C. C. Van Zandt, and the eulogy on Masonry by Rev. H. W. Rudd, both of which were highly creditable performances.

The Lodge "Igualdad" (Equality) at Madrid, has seventy-two members, including a number of advocates, physicians, and men of letters. Five new Lodges have recently been opened in the same city.

At a meeting of the Gooch Lodge No. 1238, Southall, on the 4th inst., says the London *Freemason*, His Excellency Daoud Pasha was regularly initiated into the first degree of Freemasonry.

Grand Chapter of Connecticut held its Annual Session at Hartford, on the 10th ult, and was well attended. The Grand Council met the preceding day, and the reports show that this branch of the order is in a highly flourishing condition. The Grand Lodge held its annual communication at the same place on the 11th.

The *London Freemason* says, the connection of Sir Christopher Wren with this Lodge (then called St. Paul's, now Lodge of Antiquity) is unquestionable and "the actual mallet used by king Charles 11., at the ceremony of laying the foundation stone of the great architect's cathedral (St. Paul's, London), is still preserved by the Lodge, as one of the most cherished relics of the past."

We learn that Ill. Br. Robert Marshall, Esq., of St. John, New Brunswick has recently been elected a member of the Supreme Council of the 33° for England and Wales. We think he is the first brother in New Brunswick who has been admitted to that high grade by the English Council.

POWERS OF A GRAND MASTER.

Some maintain that a maimed man may be made a mason by dispensation of the Grand Master. This is an error. Can the Grand Master make a mason out of a murderer or a thief? No; whence then is his power to make Masons out of maimed men? It may be said that the moral maiming in the one case is more objectionable than the physical maiming in the other. But this is not sufficient. No Grand Master has any rights but those vested in him by his installation, and this is not one of them. A maimed or dismembered person, in such a condition prior to his being made a Mason, is a record and a public posting of the sin of those who made him. And has a Grand Master any right to afflict a lodge locally, or the brethren generally, with such an exhibition? We are convinced he has not.

RESTORING CHARTERS.

It is a bad practice to restore a charter to a revived lodge. It makes the most knotty and complicated question known to Masonry. If the charter be restored, does it establish all the members of the old lodge as members of the new? Does it require the members to adopt the old by-laws? Does it enforce upon the members to pay the liabilities and close up the unsettled business of the old lodge? No; it does none of these things; and, among other evils it opens up the vexed question of numerical precedence so jealously recognized. Better, far, file away the old charter in the archives of the old Grand lodge and issue a new one.

RIGHT TO DEMAND CHARTERS.—Although the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of this State, and a very general usage of the Fraternity, recognize the rights of a visitor to ask to see the Charter of the Lodge before he submits to an examination, yet no ingenuous brother will make such a request, unless he has some valid reason to suspect the Lodge is a clandestine and irregular one; and the demand made of an old and well-established lodge, without such reason, might well provoke the counter-demand, equally sanctioned by usage, to see the visitor's Grand Lodge certificate. The obligation is mutual, though neither is rarely insisted upon, except, as has been intimated, for special reasons, as where there are good grounds for suspicion: and in such a case it is best to keep away from the Lodge altogether. It is but a few years since, that the rule was imperative in this Commonwealth, as against visitors from the Grand Lodge of a neighbouring State, in which there were two Grand Lodges, one of which was irregular; and there are jurisdictions even now, having irregular Lodges within its limits, of visitors from which such a demand could be considered neither unjust nor oppressive. Were our correspondent travelling abroad, his Masonic intercourse would be extremely limited without the aid of such a certificate; not that such a document is to be received as plenary evidence of the bearer's lawful claims to recognition, but it is of the highest importance as collateral testimony that his Masonry is from a lawful source. But we need not discuss the subject further. The right of a Grand Lodge to instruct its Lodges to demand such evidence of strangers presenting themselves as visitors at the door of its Lodges, will hardly be denied; and if it does not insist upon it by special enactment, it fails to do so as an act of courtesy, not of obligation.—*Boston (Mass) Monthly.*

AMENDMENT.—In reply to your question, "Can a Fellow Craft be kept from receiving the Degree of Master Mason without just cause?" we answer that the lodge has the power to prevent the advancement of a Fellow Craft by a simple ballot. But as a Fellow Craft has rights, and if he knows that he is stopped from no just cause, he should demand a trial, when if proved unworthy of advancement, he should be expelled; or if worthy, receiving his Degree. The candidate has received a partial knowledge of the institution and no brother should wrong him, or see him wronged. Stopping a worthy candidate is wronging him, and permitting an unworthy one to advance is wronging the Lodge. Let your conscience regulate your action.—*N. Y. Courier.*

It has been a question in our minds, says the *Keystone*, if those selected as District Deputies should not undergo an examination before they are commissioned. The uniformity of work and jurisprudence depends, as we think, on the ability of the District Deputies to teach both, and if there is no harmony in this teaching, the Craft loses great advantage. The District Deputies should be held responsible for their districts, and grand lectures should be abolished. No one should teach a lodge without the sanction of the Grand Master or the Deputy of the district. The Grand Master should teach the Deputies, and they should instruct the Lodges of their districts. This in our opinion is the only course to secure competent Deputies and uniformity in "work" and jurisprudence.

EXPULSION.—We have had sent to us from a Lodge in Michigan a notice of an expulsion of a brother for non-payment of dues, for publication, accompanied with a request for our exchanges to copy, and the brotherhood are warned to govern themselves accordingly.

Now we are totally and emphatically opposed to publishing such a notice. In the first place a brother can not be expelled simply for non-payment of dues. He may be summoned to appear before his Lodge and give cause why he does not pay his dues, and if he disobeys the summons he can be tried for contempt and according to the heinousness of the crime be condemned by his Lodge. But not expelled for non-payment of dues, this is unmasonic, and a Lodge must not do an unmasonic act to a member for unmasonic conduct.—*Mystic Star.*

33°.—By the recent decisions of the Supreme Council of the United States, no candidate for the 33° can be received who has not attained to the age of thirty-five years.

At the last communication of the Grand Lodge of Michigan, two hundred and thirty-seven Lodges were represented. A table given in the Grand Master's address shows the annual progress since 1860. In that year there were 115 Lodges and 5,816 members; in 1863, 136 Lodges and 7,313 members; in 1866, 169 Lodges and 10,509 members; in 1869, 243 Lodges and 18,016 members. The tables from 1870 show 20,346 members.

GRAND LODGE OF IOWA.

The Grand Officers elected for the ensuing year are as follows :

M. W. Grand Master—John Scott, of Nevada.

R. W. Grand Senior Warden—O. P. Waters, of Muscatin.

R. W. Grand Junior Warden—W. E. Miller, of Iowa City.

R. W. Grand Treasurer—J. W. Wilson, of Newton.

R. W. Grand Secretary—T. S. Parvin, of Iowa City.

The next and most important proceeding was the full recognition of the newly formed Grand Lodge of Quebec, which called up considerable discussion between Bros. Langrange and Gilbert; the former advocating the proposed resolution offered to the consideration of the Grand Lodge, the latter advocating its immediate recognition in an amendment, which was finally carried by a vote of 75 to 58, which we think is an honor to the Grand Lodge of Iowa and to the brother introducing the amendment. We subjoin the resolution and amendment, the latter of which was adopted:

Resolved, That while this Grand Lodge considers the Grand Lodge of Quebec to have been regularly formed, it deems it but courtesy to the Grand Lodge of Canada, with which it is in fraternal intercourse, to await its recognition of that new Grand Lodge, which it does with the sincere hope that it will so recognize it at the next annual meeting.

Bro. Guilbert moved to amend the second resolution by substituting the following:

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge recognizes in its fullest sense, as regularly formed, the Grand Lodge of Quebec, and fraternally welcome it to the circle of Grand Lodges.

 NEW YORK.

THE GRAND LODGE OF NEW YORK assembled in its annual convocation at Apollo Hall June 7th inst. The following are the new officers for the ensuing year:

M. W. John H. Anthon, Grand Master.

R. W. Christopher G. Fox Deputy Grand Master.

R. W. Edward L. Judson, Senior Grand Warden.

R. W. James W. Hudsted, Junior Grand Warden.

R. W. John W. Simons, Grand Treasurer.

R. W. James M. Austin, Grand Secretary.

R. W. John Hoole, Grand Tyler.

 TOO TRUE.

The Grand Master of Vermont thus solemnly admonishes his brethren against those who enter the Masonic fold from motives of selfishness or idle curiosity:

“The present times when Masonry is considered most popular, and when thousands are seeking admission to the Order, are of all others the most dangerous to the true welfare of the institution. The enemies of Masonry are not confined to those which are without, but unfortunately we have some in the midst of us. They may be “with us, but yet are not of us”—may gain admission to the Order in just such times as the present, through a too great

remissness in the inspection of the material presented ; times when our lodges are overworked, material is often received without sufficient inspection, and which is found all too soon to be entirely unfit for the building. They seek to join the Order, perhaps, because their friends are there, or because it has become fashionable to do so ; or it may be, for personal aggrandizement, or some equally unworthy motive. But in any case they can be considered in no other light than as " seed sown by the wayside, or among thorns, or on stony ground," and although some attempt may be manifest at growth, yet they will never produce fruit. On the contrary, these unworthy brethren will be the first to desert when the institution ceases to be popular, and, what is worse, when the Order comes to suffer persecution in the future, as it has in the past, they will not only desert you but will turn about and sting you to the heart.

The following are the officers elect of the G. L. of Canada.

M. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson, Grand Master, re-elected ; R. W. Bro. James Seymour, Deputy Grand Master, re-elected ; V. W. Bro. Thos. White, Grand Senior Warden ; V. W. Bro. H. Robertson, Grand Junior Warden ; R. W. Bro. Vincent Clementi, Grand Chaplain ; R. W. Bro. Henry Groff, Grand Treasurer ; V. W. Bro. David McLellan, Toronto, Grand Registrar ; R. W. Bro. Thomas Bird Harris, Grand Secretary ; V. W. Bro. Dr. Geo. Billington, D. D. G. M. London District ; R. W. Bro. P. J. Brown, D. D. G. M., Wilson District ; W. Bro. I. F. Toms, D. D. G. M., Huron District ; W. Bro. C. Hendire, D. D. G. M. Wellington District ; V. W. Bro. W. Mitchell, D. D. G. M., Hamilton District ; R. W. Bro. J. K. Kerr, D. D. G. M., Toronto District ; W. Bro. Dr. R. Kincaid, D. D. G. M., Ontario District, W. T. H. Smith, D. D. G. M., Prince Edward District ; W. Bro. W. F. Chamberlain, D. D. G. M., Ottawa District ; R. W. Bro. W. Gutman, D. D. G. M., Montreal District ; W. Bro. H. D. Pickle, D. D. G. M., Bedford District ; R. W. Bro. Alex. Walker, D. D. G. M., Quebec District.

The Grand Chapter of Canada held its annual communication, at Quebec on the 11th inst., when the following officers were elected for the ensuing year.

Grand Z.....	T. D. Harington.
" H.....	J. Pratten.
" T.....	L. T. Henderson.
" Scribe E.....	T. B. Harris.
" " N.....	Dan'l Spry.
" Treas.....	J. N. Noel.
" Prin. So.....	D. McClellan.
" Registrar	S. C. Channell.
" Janitor	W. A. Somers.

Chairman of Ex. Committee—Re. E. Comp. C. D. McDonnell.

District Superintendents.—London, T. F. McMullen ; Hamilton, E. Goodman ; Toronto, Thomas Samand ; Prince Edward Island, W. Day & Rev. C. Forest ; Montreal, F. M. Sowden ; Eastern Townships, E. Kemp ; Quebec, L. Dunbar ; New Brunswick, D. K. Munro.

Next Grand Chapter meets at Hamilton.

AT REST.

W. Bro. Hazley of this city died on the 29th ult. He was P. M. of St. Lawrence Lodge, No. E. R., and was buried on Sabbath the 31st ult. A large number of brethren were present at the burial, which was conducted with Masonic ceremonies. *Requiescat in pace.*

The sad accident by which W. Bro. Rev. W. C. Wallace, P. M., met his death at a fire at Huntingdon by the falling of burning lumber, on the 4th ult., occasioned the most heartfelt regret to all with whom he was acquainted. He was a well known and honored member of our Fraternity, and at the time of his death was chaplain of Chateauguay Lodge, R. Q. His zeal and practice of the virtues of our order made him beloved by all, and the peculiar circumstances of his untimely death awake more than ordinary sympathy.

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A CHALLENGE.

The action of the Grand Lodge of Canada at its last Annual Communication, cannot but be viewed as a challenge to the brethren of this Province adhering to the well settled fact of the existence of the Grand Lodge of Quebec.

At this late hour of the day it is almost superfluous to offer any reasons in favor of our Grand Lodge. It has been recognized by 8 Grand Lodges, comprising the number of 919 Subordinate Lodges, with an aggregate total of Masons of 48,227. *

Nothing that we could say would further illustrate the strength of the position. Almost every Grand Lodge that meets heartily endorses the legality of the formation of the Grand Lodge of Quebec. The settlement of the question (apart from any question of *right*;) must depend upon the action of the majority of Grand Lodges; and, in our opinion, it behoves us to await their action. We have every assurance that our cause will receive the utmost fair play, and with that assurance, we cannot but be positive of the result. There are rumors of dissatisfaction at the verdict of the Grand Lodge of Canada, but we are free to confess that taking into consideration the unblush-

* We are indebted to the *Gavel* for these figures.

ing effrontery of some of the *impediments*, we are not surprised, but readily understand, the motives that brought about the *declarissement*. We have no hostility to any man or set of men; our duty points to a much higher aim than the paltry success of a day or even an hour. We are satisfied, and our opinion has been thoroughly endorsed, that our cause is right, and that position we will defend with all our power and might.

Some may be credulous enough to believe that the action of the Grand Lodge of Canada may in some way dishearten the present friends of our Grand Lodge. We affirm in the name of the Masons of this Province, and we do it advisedly, that the *passionate declaration* of the Grand Lodge of Canada is considered more in the light of a *challenge*, and as such we consider it, and nothing in the way of *expediency* or any thing else will cause the great weight of the Masons of this Province to entertain any other idea than that the Province of Quebec is just, perfect, and regular.

“ It was moved in amendment by V. W. Bro. Diamond and seconded by M. W. Bro. Harrington.

“ That the vote be deferred until after the brethren from Quebec now under suspension shall be allowed to be heard in explanation of their conduct in withdrawing from the jurisdiction of the G. L. of Canada.”

“ Eloquent speeches were made by R. W. Bro. Rev. V. Clementi, R. W. Bro. Stephens, W. Bro. Racicot, and V. W. Bro. O'Halloran, against the amendment.”—Proceedings of G. L. of Canada, *Craftsman*, July.

Think of it, Brother Masons throughout the world. Six months ago the most prominent and able masons in this Province were suspended by the G. L. of Canada without trial; and on their being summoned to appear at Toronto last month and shew cause why they should not be expelled from Masonry for exercising their inalienable rights in forming a Grand Lodge for this Province, there were found in that meeting a large number of Masons who spoke “ eloquently ” against their being heard in their defence. What is Masonry coming to in Ontario? Such actions as this can only bring confusion on the body of Masons who sanction them by their presence.

Of all the violent speeches said to have been delivered before the G. L. of Canada against the G. L. of Quebec, its members, &c., the speech of the so called W. M. of Zetland, No. 21, C. R., was distinguished by its originality and composition. He is said to have declared that all those members of Zetland who had gone over to the G. L. of Q., were the “ scum of the city,” “ rowdy characters,” “ unworthy men,” &c. &c. and he and his members never would disgrace themselves by sitting in lodge with them no matter what action the G. L. of C. took in the matter. Our readers are aware that the Zetland body, Q. R., is composed of the best Masons in the city, notably our venerable

and esteemed Bro. Jno. H. Isaacson, and the mere fact of using such language should have procured the expulsion of the speaker from any Grand Lodge.

Our readers are also no doubt aware that the said W. M. of Zetland No. 21, C.R. had been for some years previous to his appearance in that character before the Masonic world under suspension, and rated as such in the books of the G. L. of Canada. What justice can the G. L. of Q. expect from the Ontario Masons when the appointment of such W. M.'s are confirmed by them.

“On grounds of right, no one whose opinion is worth anything holds that there was any constitutional right of secession existing in the Province of Quebec.”—*Craftsman*, July.

This is certainly far from complimentary to Bros. A. G. Mackey, B. B. French, Josiah H. Drummond, Chas. W. Moore, Scott, &c. &c. &c., whose views on the subject we have given to our readers at various times, and who proclaim their decision on the question in no uncertain terms—but apart from this, this statement is in spirit and wording untrue; all the Masonic jurists in the U. S. without exception, have given their opinion that the convention of 20th. Oct. last had the right to form and did properly and constitutionally form the G. L. of Quebec, but we will not tire our readers with needless repetitions on the subject. The above is a fair example of what the *Craftsman* has given to the world on the subject of the G. L. of Q. since Oct. last. Not one of the many able articles written on the subject in the U. S. and great Britain, not one of the reports of the committee on jurisprudence in favor of the G. L. of Quebec, not even the reports which found their way into the secular papers has the *Craftsman* given to its readers. We protest against this onesidedness and we have a right to do so, as the *Craftsman* is largely patronized in this Province and in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick and pretends to be the principal organ of the craft in the Dominion. We presume to inform our contemporary that a Masonic Periodical should above all things be truthful, and we deny that on the subject of the Grand Lodge of Quebec the *Craftsman* has fulfilled its obligations to its subscribers, composed as they are of all sections of the craft in the Dominion.

G. Master Stevenson, in his address to the Grand Lodge of Canada claims 18 lodges as acknowledging the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge. Of these, four are duplicate lodges—Nelson, Zetland, Brome, and Victoria, composed of a few members who belonged to these lodges before they gave in their adherence to the G. L. of Quebec, and who for various personal reasons desire to remain under the protection of the G. M. of the G. L. of C. Two others Yamaska and Mount Royal, gave in their adhesion to the G. L. of Quebec, but are said to have returned to the protecting wing of G. M. Stevenson;

and two others are new creations under dispensation. And all these lodges are, according to Masonic law as acknowledged throughout the world—irregular and clandestine. The other nine lodges have not taken any action, so far as we know, towards giving their adherence to the G. L. of Quebec, but we are convinced the large majority of the members are in favor of such action.

We see by the proceedings of the G. L. of Canada, in July, that that eminent body has been graciously pleased to divide this Province into four districts among them. Montreal District, to consist of the city of Montreal, with the Chateauguay and Lacolle lodges. What say our friends of Hoyle and Chateauguay lodges to their being so quietly and gracefully disposed of. Of these four districts two have had District Deputy Grand Masters appointed over them, viz: the following *illustrious* Brethren: Moses Gutman, for Montreal and Horace D. Pickel for Bedford. As to the other two districts, St. Francis and Quebec, the G. L. of Canada seems to have given up all hope, for there does not appear to have been one single Mason in either of these districts willing to acknowledge their authority. If there had been there is no doubt they would have made District deputies of them at least; as it is these districts are left to look after themselves, and seemed doomed to be distinguished by not having a D. D. G. M. from the G. L. of Canada to protect them.

M. W. Bro. Graham visited this city for a few days during this present month. Notwithstanding the action of our Brethren of Ontario, our M. W. Bro. still believes in the truth of the pretensions of his Grand Lodge, and feels positive that when time has allowed passion to cool our erring Brethren of this Province will tender their allegiance to the only authority competent to receive the same. In company with V. W. Bro. Milton and W. Bro. Murray he visited Three Rivers, where the M. W. the G. M. attended Milton Lodge, and after inspecting the books, records of the Lodge, &c., declared himself pleased with the care and diligence shown, also that from personal knowledge, he was satisfied that the material of the Lodge would compare favorably with any; he also expressed satisfaction with the neatness of the Lodge Room and was sure that Masonry with such exponents would always exert a favorable influence in the community. A portrait of W. Bro. Milton was presented to this Lodge with suitable address and reply, and the labors of the evening closed.

We tender our sincere thanks to Bro. Goulay of the *Freemason* (St. Louis) for a copy of proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Missouri since its organization up to 1869. It is handsomely bound and well printed and reflects

credit on our talented Bro., for the taste displayed in the production of this volume.

DEATH OF HON. B. B. FRENCH.

The following letter has just been received, conveying the sad intelligence of the death of Hon. Bro. B. B. French, of Washington, United States.

Washington, D. C., Aug 13th, 1870.

Prof. J. H. GRAHAM, M. W. Grand Master Grand Lodge of Quebec.

M. W. Sir,

It becomes my painful duty to inform you of the death of M. W. Bro. B. B. French, which occurred yesterday at one o'clock, a. m. He had been ill for a couple of weeks, but his death was very sudden and unexpected: the immediate cause of death was disease of the heart.

Bro. French was recognized as one of the best and most spirited citizens of Washington, and his loss will be keenly felt by all. He has held many offices of honor, trust and profit, local and national, and in every position he received and merited the confidence and respect of those whom he served, and of the community in which he lived.

As a zealous mason, Bro. French had no superior in the order, and he was probably better known and appreciated by the fraternity throughout the United States, than any other member. He was Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, and the present Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia: Past Most Eminent Grand Master of Knights Templar of the United States, and Lieutenant Grand Commander of the Supreme Council of the thirty-third degree of the Scotch Rite.

Bro. French was the first to recognize the rights and independence of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, and his able report as Chairman of the Committee of jurisprudence of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, secured an unanimous vote for the recognition of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, and has since, by his letters, ably and successfully maintained the justice of the views he entertained upon that subject.

I feel, M. W. Sir, that you, and the fraternity of the Province of Quebec, will unite the expression of your sorrow, with that of the order in this District, in mourning the loss of so good and so distinguished a member of the Masonic fraternity, as was M. W. Bro. Benjamin Brown French.

His funeral takes place to-morrow (Sunday Aug. 14th.) at 4 o'clock P.M. and will be attended by the entire Masonic organizations of the District.

With much respect I beg to remain

M. W. Sir and Bro.

Fraternally yours

H. J. MARTIN,

Representative of the G. L. of Quebec near the G. L. of the District of Columbia.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVE.—The G. M. of the G. L. of Q., has appointed M. W. Bro. Peter W. Gray of Houston, Texas, U. S. A., P. G. M. &c., the Representative of the Grand Lodge of Quebec near the Grand Lodge of Texas.

LITERAL ANSWERS.

A lady noticed a boy sprinkling salt on the sidewalk to take off the ice, and remarked to a friend, pointing to the salt ;

" Now that's benevolence."

" No it ain't," said the boy, somewhat indignant, " it's salt."

So when a lady asked her servant girl if the hired man cleaned off the snow with alacrity, she replied :

" No, ma'am, he used a shovel."

The very same literal turn of mind which we have been illustrating is sometimes used intentionally and perhaps a little malicious, and thus becomes the property of wit instead of blunder. Thus we hear of a very polite and impressive gentleman who said to a youth in the street :

" Boy, may I inquire where Robinson's drug store is?"

" Certainly, sir," replied the boy, very respectfully.

" Well sir," said the gentleman, after waiting awhile, " where is it?"

" I have not the least idea, yer honor," said the urchin.

There was another boy who was accosted by an ascetic middle-aged lady with—

" I want to go to Dover."

" Well, ma'am," said the boy, " why don't you go then?"

One day, at Lake George, a party of gentlemen strolled among the beautiful islands on the lake, with bad luck, espied a little fellow with a red shirt and a straw hat, dangling a line over the side of a boat.

" Hallo, boy!" said one of them, " what are you doing?"

" Fishing," came the answer.

" Well, of course," said the gentleman, " but what do you catch?"

" Fish, you fool; what do you s'pose?"

" Did any of you ever see an elephant's skin?" inquired a teacher of an infant class.

" I have," exclaimed one.

" Where?" asked the teacher.

" On the elephant," said the boy, laughing.

Sometimes this sort of wit degenerates or rises, as the case may be, into punning, as when Flora pointed pensively to the heavy masses of clouds in the sky, saying :

" I wonder where those clouds are going?" and her brother replied :

" I think they are going to thunder."

Also the following dialogue :

" Hallo, there! how do you sell your wood?"

" By the cord."

" How long has it been cut!"

" Four feet."

" I mean how long has it been since you cut it?"

" No longer than it is now."

And also when Patrick O'Flynn was seen with his collar and his bosom sadly begrimed, and was indignantly asked by his officer :

" Patrick O'Flynn! how long do you wear a shirt?"

" Twenty-eight inches, sir."

**LODGES, CHAPTERS AND ENCAMPMENTS IN THE
PROVINCE OF QUEBEC.**

District of Montreal, City of Montreal.

- Elgin Lodge, R S—Thos Allcock, W M; Thos Young, Sec; meets in British Masonic Chambers, Notre Dame Street, first Monday in each month.
- Lodge of Antiquity, R C—John Urquhart, W M; Richard Rowe, Sec; meets in Masonic Hall, Place d'Armes, first Thursday in each month.
- * Montreal Kilwinning, R Q—J Wilson, W M; W H Hall, Sec; meets in Masonic Hall, Place d'Armes, second Monday in each month.
- Mount Royal Lodge, R —Chas Storer W M; John Robson, Sec; meets in Masonic Hall, Place d'Armes, second Tuesday in each month.
- * Royal Albert Lodge, R Q—Henry M Alexander, W M; J S Ferguson, Sec; meets in Masonic Hall, Place d'Armes, first Wednesday in each month, from September to May inclusive.
- St. Paul's Lodge, R E—W H Hutton, W M; Frank Bond, Sec; meets in their Lodge Room, St. Lawrence Hall, second Tuesday in each month, from November to May inclusive.
- St. George's Lodge, R C—Wm Mackenzie, W M; Thomas J Barrett, Sec, meets in Masonic Hall, Place d'Armes, third Tuesday in each month.
- St. George's Lodge, R Q—W E Coquillette, W M; G A Sargison, Sec; meets in British Masonic Chambers, Notre Dame Street, third Tuesday in each month
- St. Lawrence Lodge, R E—F R Clarke, W M, Wm Jolly, Secretary; meets in British Masonic Chambers, Notre Dame Street, first Tuesday in each month
- * Victoria Lodge, R Q—J T McMinn, W M; R W Bro A Murray, Sec; meets in Masonic Hall, Place d'Armes fourth Monday in each month
- * Zetland Godge, RQ—M Doyle, W M; Jas Cleghorn, Sec; meets in Masonic Hall, Place d'Armes, second Thursday in each month
- * These Lodges being refused their own Hall, meet in the British Masonic Chambers, Notre Dame St.

- Chateauguay Lodge, R Q—Rev W C Clarke, W M; S. McDonell, Sec; meets at Huntingdon on second Tuesday in each month
- Hoyle lodge, R Q—J P Featherstone, W M; Jas A Hume, Sec; meets at Lacolle, on second Tuesday in each month

CHAPTERS.

- Carnarvon Chapter, C R—F Montague Sowdon, 1st Prin Z; Chas Stratton, Scribe E meets in Masonic Hall, Place d'Armes, third Thursday in February, May, August and November
- Mount Horeb Chapter, C R—Richard Handsley, 1st Prin. Z: H Le Cappelain, Scribe K; meets in British Masonic Chambers, Notre Dame Street, second Wednesday in each month
- St Paul's Chapter, R E—J Ogilvy Moffatt, 1st Prin. Z: O R Girdwood, M D, Scribe E: meets in St. Paul's Lodge Room, St Lawrence Hall, on

ENCAMPMENT.

- Richard Cœur de Lion Encampment—A A Stevenson, Emt. Commander; W Bathgate, Registrar; meets in Knight Templars Hall, Great St James Street, on

STADAONA DISTRICT.

City of Quebec.

- Albion Lodge, R Q—Jno Alexander, W M; Wm Miller, Sec. Second Friday in each month
- Harrington Lodge, R Q—S J Brownstein, W M; H Hughes, Sec. Third Thursday in each month
- St Andrew's Lodge, R Q—C Judge, W M; P White, Sec; first Wednesday in each month
- St John's Lodge, R Q—Christr. Staveley, W M: P J Brady, Sec; second Wednesday in each month
- Quebec Garrison Lodge, R C—W Winn, W M; H G Mead, Sec: first Monday in each month

CHAPTER.

- Stadacona Chapter, R Q—C Staveley, 1st Prin. Z; W J Paterson, Scribe E
The above Lodges and Chapter meets in the Masonic Chambers, in the Masonic Hall, Lewis Street, Quebec

128 *Lodges, Chapters and Encampments in the P. of Q.*

- Sheewenagan Lodge, R C—W T Rickaby, W M ; J L Clair, Sec ; meets at Three Rivers second Wednesday in each month
 The Milton Lodge, Q R U D—G O Tyler, W M ; , Sec ; meets at Three Rivers, first Wednesday in each month
 Tuscan Lodge, R Q Lewis—John Breaky, W M ; Thos Mackie, Sec ; meets at Lewis, first Thursday in each month

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 BEDFORD DISTRICT.

- Prevost Lodge, R Q, Dunham—G H Shufelt, W M ; Thos F Wood, Sec ; meets at Dunham, Tuesday on or before full moon every month
 Dorchester Lodge, R C, St Johns—G H Wilkinson W M ; W A Osgood Sec ; meets at St Johns, first Tuesday in each month
 Nelson Lodge, R Q, Philipsburgh—E A Bouriet, W M ; P E Luke, Sec ; meets at Philipsburgh Thursday on or before full moon, every month
 Stanbridge Lodge, R Q, Stanbridge—Lustin Snyder, W M ; N V Bryan, Sec ; meets at Stanbridge, Wednesday on or before full moon, every month
 Clarenceville Lodge, R Q, Clarenceville—W M Macfee, W M ; C W Beerwort, Sec ; meets at Clarenceville, third Thursday in each month
 Browne Lodge, R Q, West Farnham—G H Kemp, W M ; H Bowker, Sec ; meets at West Farnham, Friday on or before full moon, every month.
 St John's Lodge, R Q, Mansonville—L C Moor, W M ; Sec ; meets at Mansonville, Wednesday before full moon every month.
 Royal Canadian Lodge, R C, Sweetsburgh—E Racicot, W M ; Henry Rose, Sec ; meets at Sweetsburgh, second Wednesday in each month
 Frelighsburgh Lodge, R Q, Frelighsburgh—G R Marvin, W M ; E E Spencer, Sec ; meets at Frelighsburgh, Monday on or before full moon every month
 Shefford Lodge, R C, Waterloo—J E Davies, W M ; Henry Hurst, Sec ; meets at Waterloo, first Monday in each month
 Yamaska Lodge, R Q, Granby—T Amyrauld, W M ; G Yittie, Sec ; meets at Granby, first Wednesday in each month
 Brome Lake Lodge, R C, Knowlton—Horace D Pickel, W M ; Thomas A Knowlton, Sec ; meets at Knowlton.
 Abercorn Lodge, R Q, U D—H L Jacquays, W M ; , Sec ; meets at Abercorn, of each month.
 Corner Stone Lodge, R Q, U D—E H Goff, W M ; , Sec ; meets at Nelsonville, of each month

CHAPTERS.

- Prevost Chapter, Dunham—Edson Kemp 1st Prin Z ; Stevens Baker, Scribe E ; meets at Dunham
 Dorchester Chapter, Waterloo—W G Parmelee, 1st Prin. Z ; F E Foudrinier, Scribe E ; meets at on

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 ST. FRANCIS DISTRICT.

- Golden Rule Lodge, R Q, Stanstead—H M Honey, W M ; H G Hyatt, Sec ; meets at Stanstead, Tuesday on or before full moon every month
 Victoria Lodge, R Q, Sherbrooke—H R Becket, W M ; A D Bostwick, Sec ; meets at Sherbrooke, second Tuesday in each month
 St Francis Lodge, R Q, Richmond—M M Tall, W M ; E Cleveland, Sec ; meets at Richmond, first Thursday in each month
 Ascott Lodge, R Q, Lennoxville—J Addie, W M ; Frs Bennets, Sec ; meets at Lennoxville, Monday on or before full moon every month
 Ashlar Lodge, R Q, Coaticook—W Sleeper, W M ; N W Thomas, Sec ; meets at Coaticook, first Wednesday in each month
 Doric Lodge, R Q, Danville—Timothy Leet, W M ; William Boutelle, Sec ; meets at Danville, Wednesday on or before full moon every month

CHAPTER.

- Golden Rule Chapter, Sherbrooke—J H Graham, L L D, 1st Prin Z ; W Farewell jr. Scribe E

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