

Grover and Henry Bennett, and Grand Officers of the Iowa Consistory of Scottish Rite Masons, otherwise known as Cerneau, has ordered a temporary injunction against the Grand Lodge of Iowa, restraining them from putting into effect the legislation of the last session of the Grand Lodge, referring to the Cerneau bodies, and which commanded Master Masons to leave the Consistory of Iowa of that Rite under punishment of expulsion.

The Crusade against Cerneauism—be it right or wrong, and we incline to the latter belief—is growing in strength, as it has been declared clandestine by the Grand Lodges of the following jurisdictions: Massachusetts, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Kentucky, Colorado, Iowa, Alabama, Nebraska, the District of Columbia, and South Dakota; by the Grand Chapters of California and Pennsylvania; and by the Grand Commanderies of Connecticut, Pennsylvania and Nebraska.

At last we have a definition of Masonic benevolence! We are told it is "soft-handed charity." Unfortunately the touch is so soft that it is frequently never felt by many deserving ones. What benevolence lacks in substance is made up in the poetical definition referred to. We will look into the "soft-handed" grants in a future issue, and deal with them practically, leaving the poetical and high-flown phrases for the framers of Grand Lodge reports.

Was the report of the Grand Lodge Committee to whom was referred the Grand Master's address, prepared by the Grand Master? The report "agrees,"

"coincides," "approves," etc., in such a flattering style as to prompt the idea that Bro. Walkem either prepared it or is such an infallible being that no room was found to detect any weak spots. If we were suddenly transported back to the days of the old Israelites how the number of those who bowed the knee to Baal would be increased.

The Grand Lodge of British Columbia, at its recent session, refused to supply the secular press with a report of its proceedings. How differently they do these things in Ontario? Here the representatives of the press who were attending Grand Lodge not only furnished their respective journals with the Grand Master's address, a usual occurrence, but also gave outlines of some of the general business in such a way as to be unpardonable. We certainly live in an age of progress and advancement.

Rumours have been current ever since the accession of Emperor William to the throne of Germany that he was hostile to Freemasonry. These rumours are evidently based on fiction or started by those opposed to the Craft, as we learn that the Freemasons of Friedland have been much pleased by a present from the Emperor, consisting of a valuable engraving of Frederick the Great as Grand Master of the Lodge. The portrait represents the King in his insignia, and bears the underline, "Frederick the Great as Freemason in 1740."

The Tyler, Grand Rapids, objects to Craft Masonry entering into the disputes between the Rites, a position taken at the outset by THE CRAFTSMAN. In concluding a logical article,