

genuine landmarks. Judging from the discussion on these objects one would think they were about to become an extinct species like the buffalo and great ank. We are satisfied that one or two specimens in a fair state of preservation properly identified and labeled will be enthusiastically received by Bro. Parvin and will find an honored niche in the library at Cedar Rapids.

At the annual meeting of the United Grand Lodge of Australia, held at Melbourne recently, there was a very hot discussion over the question whether the Grand Master should appoint the subordinate officers, or whether they should be elected every year by the members of the Grand Lodge. The latter custom is prevalent in New South Wales, South Australia, Ireland, Scotland, Canada, and the United States. In England, it has always been the prerogative of the Grand Master to appoint the whole of his officers except the Grand Treasurer. At the meeting of the United Grand Lodge held last June, it was decided to submit this question to the private lodges and the vote stood two to one in favour of appointment. It was deemed that this settled the question, but when the Book of Constitutions was being adopted by the United Grand Lodge at its last meeting the advocates of election would have carried their point, contending that such an important matter could only be disposed of on the floor of the Grand Lodge, had not the presiding officer refused to put the question. It is safe to say, however, that the system of selection will, however, ultimately carry, as the appointing of the subordinate officers by the Grand Master always leads to the formation of

cliques and bickerings and heartburnings follow.

The question of a Sovereign Grand Lodge is agitating the Craft in the United States. The idea is a good one and why not make it international when you are at it. There are several subjects with which such an organization could deal successfully, such as uniformity of constitution, ritual, and some of the fundamental principles called the landmarks which are being badly battered up and effaced in some of the jurisdictions. This subject is worth discussing and by all means let it be discussed. Let us hear more of it and we are satisfied it is only a question of a few years until we will have such an institution.

The *Keystone* says: "The Pope has not forgotten us, he never forgets anything not even himself. The *Germania* states that in receiving the deputation of Austrian pilgrims a few days ago, his holiness, remarked to the editor of a Catholic journal, who was among them, 'you have had a hard battle to fight with the Jews and the Freemasons.'"

PRINCE ARTHUR AS A MASON.

The visit of R. W. Bro. His Royal Highness Prince Arthur to the craft assembled in the Masonic Temple, Toronto, will be an event long remembered and cherished. Masonry if anything is a democratic institution, and it is pleasing to see such men as Prince Arthur, who although titled, high in social rank and unapproachable to the outer world, on the floor of a Masonic lodge stands as a brother free and equal and with no superiority of rank other than which their own worth and merit as Masons can bestow. He said this