

Grand Lodge of England, and the position of the Grand Lodge of England, permeated as both have been by the long and faithful rule of Lord Zetland, have for years wisely eschewed all needless interference, and kept the craft out of all unreasonable discussions, as regards the peculiarities and proceedings of other rites. Free itself, it accords perfect freedom to others to belong to the High Grade movement, so long as nothing is done which at all interferes with, or infringes upon, the undoubted rights and claims of its own unchallenged and unchallengable jurisdiction. Hence, in England no such burning questions can arise, no such needless heats need be excited.

The Grand Lodge of England knows nothing officially of any higher grade than the Royal Arch, and even that is a separate government, and pretends in no way whatever to discuss or decide upon claims or rival coteries. It freely concedes that brethren who, unsatisfied with the simple rites of Craft Masonry, aspire to higher or more ornamental gradations in Masonic or quasi-Masonic bodies, may fairly do so without question and without blame. It seeks to ostracize none, anathematize none, to excommunicate none. It leaves to angry combatants and vindictive conclaves, in petty imitation of Roman Catholic persecution of its brethren, the childish satisfaction of fulminatory decrees and anathemata, which very few read, hardly any care for, and none are in the slightest degree the worse for in any shape. We all may well be proud that we stand to-day a firm phalanx under the ennobling banner of the English Grand Lodge, protesting against intolerance and injustice in every shape, and proclaiming in unerring tones an unfailing message of love, charity, toleration, and good-will.—*The London Freemason.*

Every Lodge should have a copy of our new Statistic Book.

ATTENDANCE AT LODGE MEETINGS.

If there is anything that will discourage a zealous officer, it is non-attendance on the part of the members of his lodge. An officer that performs his whole duty, is early at his post. The faithful Master delights in opening his lodge, performing the work to be done, and closing it, in due season; but, if the brethren do not second his efforts, and loiter by the way, early means late.

The degrees, to be properly worked, require more than the constitutional number to be present. Empty seats speak no words of encouragement to the faithful officer; therefore, my brethren, if you would encourage your officers in the faithful performance of their duties, come early, and stay; do not simply step in for a moment, plead business (?) engagements, and then spend the evening with convivial associates; but come to stay, and perform your share of the work that is to be done.

Every Mason has a duty to perform, which, upon no account, must be neglected, if they would sustain the position held by our lodges, or individual Masons.

It is your duty, my duty, and every brother's duty, to closely examine the material that is being offered. It is not the welfare of any one individual that must occupy our attention, but that of the whole craft.

We must have perfect men; not as much in a physical as in a moral sense. We must have good material, or none at all; better, by far, have a few genuine Masons, than scores of imitation ones; therefore, if he who asks for admission, does not conform, literally, to the tests of true manhood, reject him, as you would a viper; better, by far, have a man that is not quite perfect physically, than one that is perfect physically, yet imperfect in mind, taste, habits, character, or morality.

Committees, to whom petitions are referred, do not always perform their