

pages. Several days ago we received a despatch from Bro. Walker, saying he had not made such a proposal, and consequently we must assume that some romancer was at work.

At the last quarterly communication of the United Grand Lodge of England, it was announced that a complete set of the clothing of a Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England had been prepared, and transmitted by the Most Worshipful Grand Master, in the name and on behalf of Grand Lodge, to His Majesty Oscar II., King of Sweden and Norway, K.G., Grand Master of Sweden, for the gracious acceptance of His Majesty, in commemoration of his recent appointment as Past Grand Master of England.

We regret to hear that two well known American brethren are seriously ill, and that little hopes are held out for their recovery. The brethren referred to are P.G.M. John W. Symons, and Bro. Charles T. McClenachan. Bro. Symons is well known as editor of the *New York Despatch*, while Bro. McClenachan is an able member of the Craft, and has always taken a deep interest in the Scottish Rite, in which he has secured 33°. We hope the brethren will yet be spared to the Craft for many years.

The object of the General Masonic Relief Association for the United States and Canada is to wage a ceaseless war against Masonic frauds and tramps. These travelling frauds are undoubtedly a great nuisance to the Craft, and throw around it a bad odor; but a broken down Mason, unable to pay dues, and of Bohemian tendencies,

is a king among men when compared with alleged Masons, whose obligations are disregarded daily in their greed for wealth or social or Masonic preferment, to secure which no obstacle is allowed to stand in their path.

We give the following, from the *Portland Masonic Journal*, a prominent position because it applies with much force to recent transactions in this jurisdiction, and is in harmony with our views, so often expressed:—

We love the old-fashioned language of Ancient Craft Masonry. The language of Masonry is its own, and our hope is that it will remain so, regardless of the clamor of modern tinkers, who are ever on the alert to ply their unsavory trade of ritual changers. We never have and never will favor any change in the landmarks of Masonry. There has been too much of it permitted already.

Freemasonry teaches brotherly love, and its adherents should endeavour to profit by and practice its teachings. There are, however, some Freemasons—in name only—who, if you do them a favour or show them a kindness, will never forgive you. A proud, arrogant, mean nature becomes irritated at a sense of obligation, and instead of displaying a little gratitude, gives all the bitterness and malice in its composition full vent. Such a person realizes his own littleness, and envious of those with higher aspirations, seeks to crush them. The three envious craftsmen received their deserts at the building of King Solomon's temple, and so will you, brethren, unless you subdue your passions.

A correspondent of the *New Zealand Masonic Journal* points out that the