

corner, and shall be opened by the Grand Secretary in Grand Lodge as and when the Grand Master in the chair shall direct."

Our thanks are due to Bro. Sir Knight W. P. Rickart of the *Masonic Constellation*, Recorder of St. Aldemar Commandery, No. 18, of St. Louis, for a very handsome copy of the "historical sketch of the Pilgrimage of St. Aldemar Commandery to the 24th Triennial Conclave, at Washington City, Dec., 1889." The volume is very well got up, and a credit to the Commandery.

The Grand Lodge of A. F. and A. M. of District of Columbia, has withdrawn its edict against the Cerneau rite, as far as it relates to visiting brethren from other jurisdictions, but it shall remain in force until such time as the Grand Lodge is satisfied that Grand Consistory A.A.S.R. 'the Cerneau Rite' has withdrawn its intercourse with the Grand Orient of France. The reason for this is that the Supreme Grand Council A.A.S.R. (Cerneau) acting for the Grand Consistory of that body has issued a proclamation, the fifth section of which reads:

"Therefore, insisting that we never intentionally did or committed any act, or thing, showing any want of loyalty to Ancient Craft Masonry, and that there may be no further excuse to claim that we have, we do hereby withdraw said proposal, and annul, vacate and set aside each and every act and thing done by any in authority in our rite, wherein or whereby it might be claimed (even by our enemies) that fraternal relations had been effected between the said Grand Orient of France, or any of its bodies, and our organization, contrary to the order or degree of any Grand Lodge of the United States."

Those who boast of being brethren, ought surely to live together in unity, and how great is the scandal when it oozes out that brother is arrayed against brother. These things ought never to be, "Sirs, ye are brethren." The spirit of this admonition should ever be observed in a Freemason's heart to check the least rising thought of envy, variance, emulation, strife, or any root of bitterness which might spring up and divide brother from brother.

#### THE PALM LEAF FOLLY.

Last month we referred to the honors that had been showered with a prodigal hand upon Cyrene Preceptory. Since then we find that Grand Master MacLeod Moore's action meets with almost universal condemnation, and THE CRAFTSMAN has received numerous congratulations for its outspokenness. While it is pleasing to receive recognitions of such a nature still we do not aim to cater to the public taste, nor do we strive to strike a chord that secures the support of the Masonic body. THE CRAFTSMAN has aimed to keep Masonry and its adjuncts as pure as the source from which many of its teachings are obtained, and upon such a platform it has appealed most successfully to the Craft.

In referring to Grand Master MacLeod Moore we would that he were a younger man, as a just criticism of his actions would, under present circumstances, appear almost brutal. Nevertheless criticism is now a necessity, as his illegal actions should not continue to be glossed over even if he is advanced in years, as those actions are of such a nature as to be intolerable.

It would be a more pleasing task to assail those brethren who take advantage of the Grand Master's position than to attack him, but we presume they have already felt the force of pub-