

THREE new lodges were consecrated by the Grand Master and Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge of Victoria in June. The work goes bravely on.

THE brethren in Gravenhurst are talking of applying for a dispensation for a lodge. There is plenty of good material there. Ditto at Beaverton and Rodney.

THE *Voice of Masonry* asserts Christ is T.G.A.O.T.U. Our Hebrew, Parsee, and Mohommedan brethren will hardly appreciate this species of sectarian explanation. Fortunately, however, it is only the opinion of the *Voice*.

KERR LODGE, No. 230, G. R. C., of Barrie, has a magnificent quartette instrumental and vocal glee club, under the leadership of Bro. J. C. Morgan. Bro. J. L. Tipping is organizing a similar one for Thorne Lodge, No. 281, G.R.C., Orillia.

A MASONIC Insurance Association, in connection with the Supreme Rite of Memphis, will probably be established shortly, on a principle combining the best features of the A. O. U. W., I. O. O. F., and Canadian Legion of Honor. The idea is a good one.

SOME of our Masonic exchanges are making the mistake that because certain Preceptories have, with the sanction of the Sovereign Great Priory, adopted the American Templar uniform, therefore it is our regulation dress. We rise to explain, that the vast majority still retain the old English Templar cloak and baldric, which to our mind is much more appropriate.

THE *Masonic Home* apparently thinks that because a Rite advocates "Peace, Tolerance, and Truth," it should not denounce "a swindler, perjurer, and liar." That is the very reason why it should.

MARK NOTES.

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(1) Mark Grand Lodge of England was formed in June, 1856, and comprises several lodges, which have worked the Mark Degree for about a century; some 13,000 members having been advanced in its 250 lodges.

(2) The Grand Lodge of England favored Mark Masonry, March, 1856, but failed to confirm its support at the assembly in June, 1856.

(3) The Grand Lodge of England recognize none of the higher degrees, but does not prohibit its members from belonging to them.

(4) The Grand Lodge of Scotland recognizes the Mark Degree as part of Ancient Freemasonry, and allows it to be conferred in a craft lodge on Master Masons.

(5) Many lodges in Scotland have their Mark Books, several dating back to the 17th century,—one being 1670.

(6) Until recently the M. M. Degree was given only to Master Masons, that of the "Mark Man," being conferred on fellow crafts.

(7) The Mark Degree is recognized by every Loyal Arch Chapter in the world, save in England.

(8) The Mark Grand Lodge is recognised by the Royal Arch Chapters of Scotland and Ireland, &c.

(9) The Mark Degree, as conferred in England, is the same as given abroad.