

cerne, Switzerland. In the office I met the Earl of Dysart sitting disconsolately on the end of his portmanteau. I had met him in London, and knew that he was a great swell. He told me he was waiting for a room, which seemed difficult to obtain, as the house was crowded. I walked over to the clerk, gave him a Masonic sign, and was at once assigned to the only remaining room in the house. The last I saw of the Earl he was sitting on his portmanteau. My advice was perhaps not along the line of the Brotherhood of Man, but it certainly was in accordance with the Brotherhood of Masonry."

The Grand Lodge of Tennessee has a solemn resolution in the Minutes of its proceedings, that no brother shall declare himself a candidate, or to use, or cause to be used, any influences to advance his own election.

M.W. Bro. Josiah H. Drummond, of Maine, says regarding a brother Mason in good standing becoming demented, is sent to a lunatic asylum, and is afterwards unable to attend to his Masonic obligations, that "if payment of dues were a mere condition of membership, a lunatic might technically be held to forfeit it; but as non-payment of dues is made a Masonic offence, and as a lunatic cannot be tried for an offence, it is manifest that he does not lose his membership, even if a Lodge should be so un-masonic as to be willing to deprive him of it."

No saloon-keeper can get the degrees of Masonry in Mississippi.

Our contemporary, *The American Tyler*, is in travail with some of his Hebrew patrons, on the sectarian bias of his journal. It cannot see any Masonry except that taught by Christian Masons and which it imbibed from its mother Lodge, and has not yet been weaned from to feast upon the more solid and life giving food of universality and toleration. Masonry is too broad and charitable to be cramped by the doctrines and dogmas of sect or creed; and though one may be reared as a Mason in a Christian, or a Jewish, or a

Mohammedan or any other sectarian community, if he is a thoughtful, persistent and devoted Mason, he will soon begin to discern the tares among the wheat, and discard them as inconsistent with its spirit, and useless in the performance of his duties to God and to man. We are not surprised at the defense of our brother with his sectarian proclivities, when he says that he must adhere to the present work and lectures of Masonry, because he believes they embody the genuine spirit of Masonry, and if omitted would make the Institution sectarian. It cannot see the beam that is in its own eye. Our contemporary forgets that its first well known Grand Master existed before Christianity, and was a Jew of great wisdom. Though the doors of Masonry have been closed to his descendants at times, and are now in some Lodges, we must commend the great degree of toleration, charity and true Masonic spirit which prevail among that race which has so markedly preserved its nationality while without home or country. The Grand Lodge of the grand State of New York has taken the step to obliterate all sectarian allusions from its rituals, and this is the beginning of genuine universality which will ultimately prevail over the earth, perhaps long ages hence.—*The Trestle Board*.

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Bro. Henderson, of Stenster, in opening a Masonic bazar at Wick, said there were many ideas about Masonry which were quite erroneous, and for that the comic papers were to a considerable extent responsible. When a man was represented as returning home late at night in a helpless condition, the explanation which he was usually represented as giving to his wife was that he was attending a meeting of his Lodge, but he could safely say that, however much better a man was made by becoming a Mason, he was never made worse. Principles were inculcated by the Craft which, if they were followed out, would make men better citizens and better husbands