

and Scotch Constitutions in this colony, we learn that the "muzzle" has been again applied by these rulers. A circular has been sent to the secretary of every English lodge ordering that a copy of the summons for every lodge meeting be sent to the District Grand Secretary, in order "that nothing improper may appear thereon." In Lodge St. Andrew, S. C., a notice of motion, having reference to the desirability of bringing about a union of Masons in the colony, has been roughly ordered by the Provincial Grand Master to be struck out of the lodge summons. This muzzling is certainly not free Masonry in any sense of the word. No such power is vested in any P. G. M. by the Scotch constitution, and under the revised English constitution the Grand Master has the power to reject any motion when moved and seconded in Grand Lodge, which is antagonistic to the ancient landmarks. The powers of the Grand Master are delegated to the District Grand Master. Surely a discussion relating to Masonic unity cannot be deemed antagonistic to the ancient landmarks. All unprejudiced brethren will ridicule such a perversion of the law. However, if the brethren under the English and Scotch constitutions will quietly submit to be muzzled in this way, that is their concern. The remedy is in their hands, and if they will not fight for free speech then they are not free Masons.—*The Freemason*, Sydney, Australia, August 3.

A CURIOUS RELIC.—Another curious relic, in the shape of a glass bowl, has just been unearthed near the "Foro Traiano," in Rome. On one side can be seen the "Square," over which is a "blazing sun" and letters "J. N." Underneath the Square are two pillars on a Mosaic pavement. The bowl is in a good state of preservation. Was it a loving cup from which our ancient Brethren pledged each other?—*Keystone*.

## THE NAME OF THE DEITY.

We have often been shocked at the abuse of the Deity by those who should "never mention his name except with that reverential awe which is due from a creature to his Creator." We have always regarded profanity as useless, disgusting and degrading. Yet there are so many who have become so habituated to the vice that they cannot apparently speak without being profane. We must believe, in charity, that they do not know when they utter these expressions; for the profane remark will slip out even within the hallowed precincts of the Temple itself.

And yet there are those who call themselves Masons that utter profane expressions almost every time they speak. They have not even the excuse of anger; for the words slip out often when they are telling a joke. And others, who stand by, will not even rebuke the foul-mouthed expression. What a mockery of the teachings of the neophyte!

The ancient Jews, we are taught, held the name of the Deity with such reverence that they only pronounced it in a peculiar way and on special occasions. But that reverence seems to be lost among many who hear the words continually. It may be perhaps that, in this matter, as in many others, "familiarity breeds contempt," and the lessons of the different Degrees, even from the First, are lost sight of by those who have reached a higher pinnacle, merely because they have heard them so often, and perhaps even given utterance to them on more than one occasion.

It is hoped that Masons will not hesitate to rebuke profanity whenever they hear it uttered by others in the Fraternity.—*Victoria Freemason*.

No more expressive name was ever given to the Creator, than that of The Great Architect of the Universe.