

our brethren in Canada will revert to our simple and effective English custom of nomination by the W.M., canvassing for office will almost become a thing of the past.—*South African Freemason.*

The *Liberal Freemason*, Boston, has entered upon its thirteenth volume in good health, with the intention of placing sound Masonic reading before its patrons, and of adding something to the common knowledge and understanding of the Craft in Freemasonry. THE CRAFTSMAN offers its congratulations to Bro. Chapman, the genial and clever editor, upon the success that he has met with, and expresses the wish that it may increase a hundred fold.

The "Memorial Edition" of *The Tyler*, Grand Rapids, is a very creditable publication of about 100 pages, and is issued in commemoration of laying the corner stone of the new Masonic Home. This special edition is a complete history of Freemasonry in the leading centres in Michigan and is a valuable addition to current Masonic literature. Portraits of leading craftsmen and sketches of their lives are judiciously interspersed throughout the publication.

The *Voice of Masonry* says if the brethren in King Solomon Lodge, Toronto, who are accused of wilfully black-balling candidates for personal ends are found guilty after a trial "they should be expelled and forever debarred from affiliation." We certainly expect an opinion from some leading members of Grand Lodge on this matter at no distant day. Perhaps the

G.M. will make a deliverance in his annual address next month.

THE CANADIAN CRAFTSMAN for May remarks that "The incessant meddling by Blue Lodges, grand and subordinate, in the quarrel between the Rites, has a tendency to make one sick." Personally, the editor of the *Master Mason* is not conscious of having had any tendency to nausea, and yet we sympathize with Brother Hambley, in a measure. As a loyal Mason we can but deplore the attempt to bring into our Blue Lodges questions and difficulties that belong entirely to other and separate organizations, and thereby disturbing the peace, harmony and prosperity of the same.—*Master Mason.*

Granted, that lodge-wreckers cannot be legally dealt with when they, for personal reasons, persistently black-ball candidates in order to ruin the lodge, would it be a heinous offence for those who hold the lodge dear to them to step slightly aside from the beaten path and thwart the cowardly intentions of the black-ballers? This may seem a startling proposition, and it is one that we would not endorse; but it is propounded in order to show the solicitude displayed by our law-makers for those whose regard for Freemasonry consists solely in destroying a lodge. The brother who clamored for the proviso in the secrecy of the ballot clause of our constitution can furnish further particulars.

If Bro. Dewar's contentions are right regarding the position occupied by St. John's 209 a, London, and we certainly do not doubt them, we cannot but ad