

Will you grant a dispensation to confer degrees out of time?

Answer—No. The Constitution of the Grand Lodge forbids it. I believe that it should be amended in this respect. But the Grand Master has promised to abide by its provisions.

Is it necessary for the Master to sign a dimit in order to make it valid?

Answer—No. If the dimit is properly made out, signed by the Secretary, and bears the seal of the lodge, it is good.

Is it lawful to elect the officers of a Masonic lodge in any other way than by ballot?

Answer—No. The Constitution provides that the officers of Grand Lodge shall be elected by ballot, and that the rules for elections in subordinate lodges shall be similar to those adopted in Grand Lodge. An election *vice voce* would not be valid.

## TWO KINDS OF MASONS.

There is not a lodge of Masons in the world that does not have two kinds of Masons, and not only in lodge, but in all organizations are those same classes to be found, and the following, from the *Keystone*, is very true:—

"There are two kinds of good Masons—those that are Masons indeed, and those that know Masonry. There are some brethren who know Masonry, yet are not Masons—it is so much easier to know a thing than to be what it implies. It is a capital thing to be a good ritualist, provided you mean what you say, and practice what you teach. It is often said that a brother who can confer all the degrees with honor is a good Mason. So he is, skin deep, but he ought to be a Mason all through, and especially in his heart. There is nothing like heart-Masonry. It tells in the life as well as on the lips. Indeed, some men are Masons at heart who were never initiated. They are fit to be made Masons, but never happened to petition for initiation. It is a

lucky thing for the world that it has these heart-Masons in it, all unlabeled, but as surely Masons in action as though they had received the imprimatur of the Craft."

## CLEANINGS.

THE Grand Master of Washington, District of Columbia, decided that if a brother is an habitual gambler for money, he can be dealt with for unmasonic conduct.

WHERE a brother uses language he ought not to use against another brother, in the course of a lodge trial, and subsequently apologizes therefor in open lodge, this apology should settle it. But brothers should remember, when the assault is made and it is really insulting, that it will take a long time for the brother insulted to get over it. He may accept the apology at the time, but there may never again be that due feeling of respect which should exist between them. If a brother wants to keep a friend for ever, he should never insult him, nor wound his feelings. It takes but little to destroy friendship,—the most trifling act may sometimes do it,—that a lifetime cannot fully repair.

MASONIC AIMS.—Aim not so much at high office in the craft, as to be a true Freemason in thine heart. It is not necessary that we all should take office, nor is it possible for us all to do so; but it is of essential importance that every Freemason should prove by his actions that he has not crept into the craft under false pretences, but that he is really anxious to live its holy precepts, not only for his own sake, but also in order to make himself more useful to his fellow-creatures. A selfish Freemason is a perjured man, in whom I, for one, could place no confidence, whatever signs or pass-words he may be able to give.—*Bro. Markham Tweddell.*