

The *South African Freemason* very justly condemns the holding of a bazaar in order to raise money to wipe off a debt on the Masonic Temple at Peitermaritzburg. A successful bazaar or fair was held in New York recently, and a large amount of money raised, but success is not, at all times, to be measured by the financial aspect of any scheme. Judas met with success when he took the thirty pieces, but even a traitor had a conscience. Freemasons should not, owing to the peculiarity of the Institution, appeal to profanes for support. If they require funds, there are numerous ways of securing loans or money without directly seeking the assistance of non-Masons.

Bro. Charles La Tour, editor of the *Freemason*, Detroit, died in that city on the 10th December, in his 51st year. Bro. La Tour always took an active interest in Masonry, was deeply attached to his brothers of the mystic tie, and during his illness much pleasure was derived from their visits. About four years ago he commenced the publication of the *Freemason*, and successfully carried it on until the hand of sickness was laid upon him. He was instrumental in organizing Hayward Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, and was unanimously elected their first Worthy Patron. His remains were interred on the 13th ult., the burial arrangements being conducted by the members of Zion Lodge No. 1, Detroit.

If those brethren who are so fond of proclaiming on the street corners that THE CRAFTSMAN is continually "knif-

ing" them, would recollect that a stuck pig always squeals, they ought to have sufficient common sense to hold their peace. There is an absence of elegance in the above simile, the only merit it possesses being its appropriateness. There is a vast difference between "knifing" and pointing out the defects of systems or those who administer them. We have felt it our duty to condemn certain practices, but have studiously avoided resorting to personalities, preferring to find fault with measures rather than men, and if we have made home thrusts, we anticipate an outgrowth of reforms.

We understand that one objection to a brother who is likely to assume the duties of D. D. G. M. is the lack of interest he takes in the higher grades. The members of those grades would not accept dictation from craft Masons, and if it were offered it would be downright impertinence. The same remark applies if the case were reversed. Bright, intelligent, and studious Past Masters will make equally as good Grand Lodge officers as those who have gone through the many grades or rites. The objection mentioned is a silly one, and should not be entertained. If the higher grades brethren form combinations what is to prevent the formation of counter-combinations? In a contest the higher grades would undoubtedly be defeated, as the others would not only have might but right on their side.

The *South African Freemason*, published at East London, Cape Colony, says: "Bro. R. T. Walkem, Q.C., a distinguished Canadian lawyer, is Grand