

shipful Masters in conferring the degrees without giving proper instructions to the candidate. We can hardly understand how any brother can presume to accept the East unless he can confer the degrees. To merely rush the neophyte through a certain ceremony, and then leave him without any explanation of it, is making a farce of the whole thing, and turning Freemasonry into a burlesque. We trust the District Deputies will look into this matter, and we shall carefully note their report upon the same at next communication of Grand Lodge.

V. W. Bro. C. W. Brown, Toronto, has been appointed Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska near the Grand Lodge of Canada. Bro. Ramsay held this position, with a single interruption of a few months, since 1869, and resigned it last summer. The Grand Lodge of Nebraska is one of the most prosperous of the younger Grand Bodies in the United States, and V. W. Bro. Brown one of the most efficient Grand Representatives.

We are in receipt of the "Proceedings connected with the foundation and inauguration of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Victoria, 1883, including reports of movements in 1863 and 1876, for a similar purpose. This volume contains twenty-eight pages, exclusive of index, neatly printed and generally well gotten up. Every Mason interested in Colonial Grand Lodge supremacy should read it. We shall, however, refer to it more fully on a future occasion.

"The Masonic Home Journal, after noticing the making of a 'youth under age' a Mason, by the Grand Master of Pennsylvania, sagely inquires, 'May we not now look for some "prerogative" that will make it lawful for some Grand Master to initiate an infant daughter?' We beg to refer this conundrum to one of the jurisdictions that admits the male-and-female 'Order of the Eastern Star' to its Masonic Temples, and invites women and children to view the installation of its lodge officers."

Thus respondeth the *Keystone*. A Grand Master has certainly the inherent right to initiate, pass and raise a minor, and we have always thought it well for a Grand Master to occasionally exercise his prerogative in this respect.

Bro. Gen. Sir Charles Jas. Napier, G. C. B., after his return as Commander-in-Chief from India, on July 14, 1851, had a grand Masonic banquet given in his honor, by his brethren of the Lodge of Rectitude, No. 789, at Rugby, England, the Provincial Grand Lodge of Warwickshire (Prov. G. M. Bro. the Earl Howe, presiding), meeting also in honor of the occasion, and its members participating in the banquet. Our friend, Bro. Chas. F. Thacher, of this city, has sent us a copy of the *London Illustrated News* of the 26th July, following, which contains an engraving representing the scene at the drinking of Bro. General Napier's health. The curious feature of the picture is, that many of the guests, in their enthusiasm, are represented standing on their chairs, *with one foot on the banquet table*. The artist must have drawn on his imagination. Freemasons are distinguished for their orderly behavior on such occasions, and this representation did them injustice.—*Keystone*.

Dear Bro. *Keystone*, the brethren "with one foot on the table" were