

cused of "setting them up" in order to secure votes. After a discussion of the subject the following resolution was adopted: "That this Grand Lodge emphatically condemns any entertainment or other inducement given to influence brethren, by any candidates for office in Grand Lodge." We do those things better in Canada. We select an excellent brother for Grand Treasurer, and keep him there, so that refreshment retainers are not necessary to secure votes. If our Grand Treasurer wanted to be relieved from office, and resorted to "setting them up" in order to get the "other fellow" elected, he would soon bankrupt himself, and then not succeed.

At the Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania a special committee of Past Grand Masters was appointed to consider the Cerneau Rite, among its conclusions being the following:

*"Resolved,* That the permission by a subordinate Lodge for the use of its place of meeting for the practice of the Cerneau Rite, or for any other purpose than one recognized as Masonic, is unauthorized and improper."

*"Resolved,* That this Grand Lodge expressly declines to enter upon any discussion of the history, use, or legitimacy of any body claiming to confer what is known as the high degrees in Freemasonry, or to be committed to the recognition of any such body as being Masonic, or as identified with or a part of Ancient Craft Masonry."

The Grand Master of Illinois, M. W. Bro. J. C. Smith, in a recent circular to the lodges in his jurisdiction, drew the attention of the brethren to repeated violations of the Constitution, and warned them that discipline would

follow a repetition of the offences. Among other matters complained of was "calling off" during the summer months. He said: "It is too often the practice of lodges to omit meeting during the months of July and August, and while there may be the excuse of excessive hot weather for not meeting, there is no excuse for failing to ask a dispensation from the Grand Master to omit the same." The practice in this city is to make our by-laws permissive, and as they have been ratified by the Grand Master, the necessary consent has been obtained.

Indiana has set the ball rolling to secure the exclusion of saloon keepers from Masonic lodges. A recent despatch from Mount Vernon, read as follows: "Deputy Grand Master, S. W. Douglass, of Evansville, Ind., arrived in this city yesterday for the purpose of investigating the affairs of our local Masonic Lodge, No. 163. It appears that the lodge was instructed by the Grand Master of Indiana to suspend or expel certain members of the Order who are engaged in the sale of intoxicating liquors. This the lodge refused to do. Last night Deputy Grand Master Douglass, after investigation, took away the charter. The affair has created quite a sensation in Masonic circles, and also much ill feeling." It is now in order to ask what is being done in reference to the makers of intoxicating liquors, and the wholesale sellers. There are a few breweries in Indiana; why discriminate?

M. W. Bro. Walkem, Grand Master, passed through Toronto on the 24th ult., after a six weeks' trip to British Columbia. As we were enjoying a