

members perform that part in our mysteries which their obligations impose upon them.

### EDITORIAL ITEMS.

A Rose Croix Chapter, composed of several of the leading craftsmen in Pennsylvania, has been instituted by Dr. Alex. Mott, 33°-90°-95°, M. W. Grand Master of the Sovereign Sanctuary A. and P. Rite, U. S. A., at Philadelphia. This is a new move for the brethren in the city of Brotherly Love.

A Toronto contemporary states that the *THE CRAFTSMAN* is the organ of all the bogus rites. *THE CRAFTSMAN* does not advocate any particular branch of Masonry. It is the defender of truth, and believing as it does that there is much good in every order of our institution, that is based on the true principles of the lodge-room, it is not afraid to express its sentiments thereon. There are some of the most prominent craft-masons in Canada connected with every branch of Freemasonry practiced in the Dominion, and we believe they are as honest in their convictions as to the legality of the bodies with which they are respectively allied, as they are of the legality of their respective Grand Lodges.

The London *Freemason* says on the difficulty with Quebec in the matter of the Mark degrees:—

On one point our friends in Quebec do not seem to be correct in their facts. If our information be correct, which we doubt not, a Mark Lodge was warranted in the district before the formation of the Grand Chapter of Quebec. It is, we apprehend,

necessary, to read within the lines, that this question of the Mark jurisdiction is mixed up with the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter jurisdiction questions. The contention of the Grand Mark Lodge will no doubt be, that where the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter of England can go, there they can go, too, "pari passu." But we feel sure, if the authorities of the Mark Grand Lodge are convinced they have departed from an honorable agreement, or that they have done what is inexpedient and untenable, they will gladly retrace their steps. But the whole question is a very difficult one for many reasons, patent and latent.

[The London *Freemason* probably by this time is convinced that the "Mark Grand Lodge has departed from an honorable agreement," and we challenge that journal to give another instance of so uncalled-for an invasion of territorial jurisdictional Masonic rights.—ED. CRAFTSMAN.]

The *Masonic Advocate* has a rather silly article, under the heading of "Titles not Masonic." It says:—Masonic journals, like Masonic lodges, should exclude all titles that exalt one Mason above another, except such titles as have been conferred in a Masonic way. The Prince of Wales is not "His Royal Highness" in a Masonic lodge, and his name should appear in Masonic journals with the prefix showing his rank as a Mason, and nothing more. Who ever heard of "His Royal Highness" King Solomon, and yet this use of the title would be no more absurd than the practice of these journals in thus speaking of the present Grand Master of England. Now the *Masonic Advocate* cannot understand that in Great Britain and the colonies there is no other way by which either the gentry or the populace would think of addressing their future sovereign.