

three or four different societies over one grave. I think *once* is enough to bury a man, and if I were a Master of a Masonic Lodge, or of any other Lodge, and were called upon to inter the remains of a deceased brother, I should only consent on the condition that he should be allowed to stay buried.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, 1881.—A special communication of the Grand Lodge of F. & A. M. of the District of Columbia was held to attend the funeral of Albert G. Mackey. After the religious and *Scottish Rite* services in the church had been performed, the remains were conveyed to Glenwood Cemetery, escorted by the Grand Lodge, which was preceded by all the above mentioned Masonic Bodies (three Commanderies Knight Templars, one Chapter Royal Arch Masons, Grand Chapter District of Columbia, and Lafayette Lodge) as escort, and were interred with the solemn ceremonies of the Grand Lodge, conducted by the M. W. Grand Master.

MISSISSIPPI, 1882.—Grand Master McCormick says: "I have been frequently requested, during my term of office, to grant dispensations to hold post burial services at the graves of deceased brethren. I have in every instance declined to do so, believing that in view of the decisions of my predecessors, and the various enactments of the Grand Lodge upon this subject, no discretion was left me in the premises."

The masonic funeral service is only performed at the grave of a brother who has requested that he shall be buried with masonic honors. A brother should select what society, if he belongs to several, he wishes to bury him in addition to his church. If he is not to be buried masonically, of course masons cannot appear clothed as such. If he is to be buried masonically, no other society except the church can participate in the burial services; but there is no reason that exception should be taken to other societies joining in the procession in their peculiar regalia, if they choose; we might as well object to the wearing of a silk or a felt hat, or the cut of a coat.

PIC-NICS.

NOVA SCOTIA, 1881.—The D. D. G. M. 3rd District granted a dispensation to Poynter Lodge, No. 44, to wear regalia at a masonic pic-nic.

PERMISSION TO APPEAR IN PUBLIC REFUSED.

MAINE, 1881.—Grand Master Collamore says: "I received one request for a dispensation to enable a lodge to appear in public, upon an occasion when a fair was in progress, the fair being under the direction of a lodge, to obtain money to pay off the lodge debt. Although sympathizing heartily with the brethren in their laudable efforts, I could not look upon it as a proper one for a dispensation to issue."