

quarterly communication or the committee of charity, till the lodge should be closed.

A CORRESPONDENT of the London *Freemason* mentions having been present at a lodge meeting in the West of England—the exact place he omits to give—which was tyled by a female. Of course, as he had never heard of but one lady Freemason, he was naturally astonished, but concluded that perhaps he had dropped into a lodge of the Eastern Star Order, which is made up of both sexes. In this he was mistaken, for he afterwards learned that the lady in question was acting in the room of her dead husband, who had been the Tyler of the lodge. It is strange that such an anomaly should exist in a country like England, where Masonry is upon such a good footing, as to prevent, we should think, a lodge room being tyled by any one but a regular Mason. There seems to be no reason to doubt the truth of the statement made by the correspondent in question.

A MODEL LODGE.

A CORRESPONDENT claims for Craig Lodge, No. 214, Lucan, that it differs in some respects from others, and we incline to the belief that it would be hard to find another made up as it is. Our correspondent says :

“Craig Lodge has been working now for about six years, and like most all Masonic lodges, has for its members men of all countries and creeds. Over twelve of its members can talk the pure Scotch Gaelic. England, Ireland, Wales, and the German Fatherland have their representatives. The present W. M. is a Highlander, the S. W. an Irishman, and the J. W. an Englishman. The late W. M. hails from the land of Burns, and another from “Edin, Scotia’s darling seat.” It has two English and two Wesleyan Ministers, and five Doctors, as members, and has presented three Gold P. M. Jewels and two gold Masonic rings. This having the effect of creating a warm feeling among its members. I think, Mr. Editor, for six years’ work we stand on a level with any lodge out this way. And we will be glad to hear of the welfare of others through your valuable CRAFTSMAN.”

A QUESTION OF RIGHTS.

ENGLISH Masonic journalists and correspondents are discussing the question of the rights of brethren visiting lodges, and the decision arrived at appears to be in favor of the view that visitors have no rights in the matter of visiting lodges. If a brother visits a lodge, he must be properly vouched for or examined before he can enter. In England it is held that he may be admitted after due examination, but he has no right to attend a supper unless invited by the Worshipful Master. It has been the habit for visitors to present themselves at lodge banquets, hence the discussion as to their supposed rights. There should be no dispute in a matter of the kind, for nothing can be clearer than the fact that visitors attend other lodges than their own under sufferance, and have no right to consider themselves entitled to any particular privileges. Of course, visitors are always welcome, but they should not find fault if excluded from participating in any social gathering succeeding a lodge meeting.

WHO SHOULD BE MASONS?

WHEN confusion is found among the Craft, its source can generally be traced to the admission of improper material; and in reference to this, allow me to say, that the strength of a lodge consists not in the number so much as in the quality of its members. The idea is too prevalent that any man of whom no ill is known has a