

that only Princes Royal or noblemen are now deemed worthy of that honor by our English brethren. If our contemporary would read up Masonic history a little, he might perhaps be able to discover that none but, "Princes Royal or noblemen," with two exceptions, have held the Grand Mastership in England since the time of Bro. Sayre; Bro George Payne was Grand Master for one year, and Bro. Dr. Desaguliers for two years.

THE *Voice of Masonry*, alluding to the discussion on what Bros. Hyneman and Norton call "sectarianism in Masonry," justly and pertinently remarks:

"Masons do not revere the Saints John because they were the adherents of a sect, but because they were eminent examples of the masonic virtues, faith, hope, charity, temperance, fortitude, prudence, justice, fervency and fidelity, and of the Masonic tenets, brotherly love, relief and truth. Will Bros. Hyneman and Norton take this fact into consideration, and desist from their denunciations of all Masons who do not consent to look through their highly-colored glasses? Or will they continue to insist that the beauty of Masonry shall be destroyed, and that hereafter none shall have privilege of beholding anything but its ruins?"

THE August number of the *New York Square* contains a likeness of Governor Jackson, Grand Master of Georgia, who died in 1806. The *Square* complains of not having received a copy of the *Craftsman* since April. It has, nevertheless, been regularly mailed.

ON account of the ill health of Bro. Foster Pratt, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Michigan, and editor of the *Michigan Freemason*, the magazine has failed to make its appearance regularly every month for sometime past. Restored health, however, will now enable our worthy brother to bring up arrears speedily.

THE dancing controversy goes on, and it is hard to say when it will end. The great objection appears to be to dancing in the Lodge-room. Of course it would be better were it done elsewhere, but we can see no reason why Masons should not dance if they wish. Our brethren across the border have the controversy all to themselves.

BRO. THE REV. A. G. SHEARS, for sometime Masonic editor of Loomis' *Musical and Masonic Journal*, Hartford, Connecticut, has retired on account of infirmities and domestic cares. The *Journal* was well conducted under his editorship.

HALF A CENTURY has passed since the Anti-Masonic excitement was aroused in the State of New York, in consequence of the alleged spirit-ing away of Morgan, who, if he ever was a Mason violated his obligations; and now Mr. Thurlow Weed, who took an active part as a leader in the Anti-Masonic war, comes forward to explain the Morgan affair. In some things he is very particular, but he omits some important facts, just because they would not aid his side of the cause. He, however, has the manliness to avow that he does not believe that Masonry is chargeable with the death of Morgan; he gives the names of the persons said to have been concerned in the drowning of Morgan, and asserts his belief that they acted without the knowledge of any of their brethren. This admission is important, and ought to be sufficient to remove the stigma cast upon the brethren in New York State through the bitter party virulence of those who assisted Thurlow Weed to carry the elections on the strength of the Morgan affair. Mr. Weed seems half convinced that he and his political associates made a great mistake.

THE New York Freemasons' Club had its first social entertainment on the evening of July 15th, and it proved to be highly successful. The objects of the institution are to make it one of intellectual, fraternal, social and moral culture, and the *Masonic Chronicle* says it obviates