

way to abuse "Cerneanism (as) a poison to Masonry." He should rather have said "Scottish Ritism, the death of Ohio Templarism." Truly in Ohio, Carson & Co. are dealing fatal blows to the Templar Body. If Ohio had such a Grand Commander as Missouri had in Gouley, Scotch Ritism would not dare to interfere in Templar matters. At that time, Pike had to bow to Missouri Templars; now we see Ohio Sir Knights kissing the hand of Scotch Rite Potentates. Times are changed.

Grand Master Carr, of Indiana, says,—“In one case, a Worshipful Master, while initiating a candidate who was a member of the Quaker church, allowed him to use the word ‘affirm.’ When objection was made to the form of expression, the Grand Master sustained the Master, because the candidate’s affirmation was as binding on his conscience as an oath could have been. This decision is right; and if a Friend Quaker chooses to knock at our door, and is a good and true man, Masonry will receive him on his affirmation.” In Maine, it appears, the same usage prevails, although in Canada it is otherwise.—*Ex.* We do not see why Canada should not come into line on this question.—Ed. C.

COMMITTEES ON APPLICATIONS.—The Grand Lodge of Colorado has adopted the following:—*Resolved*, That it is hereby made the duty of committees on character of applicants for initiation to report upon each of the following named points; and the Grand Secretary is hereby instructed to send a certified printed copy of this resolution to each Lodge in this jurisdiction within the next thirty days:—1. What is his age? 2. Is he married or single? 3. If married, is he living with his wife? 4. What is his occupation, and where is he employed? 5. Is he physically qualified for admission? 6. What is the character of his company and associates? 7. Is

he addicted to the intemperate use of intoxicating liquors? 8. Does he gamble? 9. Does he habitually use profane or indecent language? 10. Has he licentious or immoral habits? 11. Is he a law-abiding citizen? 12. Does he possess sufficient education and intelligence to understand and value the doctrines and tenets of Masonry? 13. Has he ever made previous application for the Degrees, and if so, where and when? Committees should also report any other facts of value to the Lodge in arriving at a correct conclusion.

MASONIC RE-UNION.

The annual excursion of the Masonic fraternity of the Province of Quebec and the State of Vermont was held some time ago and proved a very enjoyable affair.

The spot selected for the excursion was Missisquoi Park, lying on the shores of the beautiful bay from which it takes its name, Highgate Springs, Vermont; about fifty miles from Montreal, on the line of the Central Vermont Railway.

The excursion was arranged by the Masons of the Bedford (Que.) district, and much of the success of the day is due to the indefatigable efforts of the Worshipful Master (M. F. Rice), Dr. Dassils, E. J. Taylor and James Coslett, who composed the Committee of Arrangements and Reception. A pleasant ride of two hours brought the excursionists to Highgate Springs. Here a large gathering of Masons from St. Albans, Swanton and Fairfax, Vermont; St. Johns, Waterlool, Frelighsburg, Sweetsburg and Cowansville were found assembled.

Among the prominent Masons present were:—

From Montreal—J. H. Isaacson, Grand Secretary; W. H. Whyte, D. D. G. M.; Dr. Lovejoy, M. Picard, John Lawrence, A. Smile, P. A. Crosby, H. Dunne, Joseph Usherwood, Fred. Massie, John Beckingham, E. C. Davies, J. L. Lamplough, W. A. Morrison, Peter White, John B. Young, W. S. Walker, John Cooper, John Hughes, J. Gay, etc.