

nobility and gentry of Scotland, secured as his successors in the *throne*, craftsmen of high repute."

The Grand Lodge of Canada have always used the term *throne*; Quebec also.

But as our Missouri brother is curious about "our first Most Excellent Grand Master," we will give a description of his *throne*, taken from the Talmud:

"And when Solomon sat upon the *throne* of his father David, all the nations of the earth feared him; all the people of the earth listened anxiously for his words of wisdom.

"Afterwards he had a *throne* made specially for himself by *Hiram, the son of a widow of Tyre*. It was covered with gold of Ophir, set with all kinds of precious and valuable stones. The seat of the *throne* was approached by six broad steps. The right side of the first step was guarded by an ox made of pure gold, and the left side by a lion of the same metal. On the right side of the second step stood a bear also of gold, and upon the left a lamb, *symbolic of enemies living in peace together*. On the right of the third step was placed a golden camel, and on the left an eagle. On the right of the fourth step there was also an eagle with outspread wings, and on the left a bird of prey, all of the same precious metal. On the fifth step to the right a golden cat crouching in position; on the left a chicken. On the right of the sixth step a hawk was fashioned, and on the left side a pigeon, and upon the top of the step a pigeon clutched a hawk in her talons. *These animals were designed to typify the time when those of adverse natures shall unite in harmony*, as it is written in Isaiah, "And the wolf shall then dwell with the sheep." Over the *throne* was hung a chandelier of gold, with seven branches; it was ornamented with roses, knobs, bowls, and tongs; and on the seven branches the names of the seven patriarchs, Adam, Noah, Shem, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and Job were engraven. On the second row of branches were engraven the names of the seven pious ones of the world, Levi, Kehath, Amram, Moses, Aaron, Eldad, and Madad. Above all this hung a golden churn filled with pure olive oil, and on this was engraven the names of Eli, the high priest, and his two sons, Haphni and Phineas; and on the other side the names of the two sons of Aaron, Nadab and Abihu.

"*The throne was made upon wheels, that it could be moved easily wherever the king might desire it to be.*"

#### EXPULSION.

NEBRASKA.—The Grand Master decided that expulsion cancels arrears for lodge dues, it being masonic death.

TENNESSEE AND KENTUCKY.—Differed in opinion over a lodge in Tennessee expelling a Mason who was at the time residing in that State, but was a member of a Kentucky lodge. Tennessee claiming that it had jurisdiction over all Masons in that State, whether affiliated with them or not; Kentucky maintaining that the only proper tribunal was the lodge with which he was affiliated. A committee of Past Grand Masters was sent by Tennessee to Kentucky to arrange a friendly settlement. The proposition in the Grand Lodge of Kentucky to amend their constitution on this point, was laid over until next annual communication.