

marked, "Served thim roight, they wor all Freemasons." Such is knowledge, publicity and intelligence, but oh! what a "sucker" that Houston chap was.—*American Tyler.*

MASONRY v. ODDFELLOWSHIP.

In this age, when there is so close affiliation between the various leading secret benevolent societies, and when many Masons are Oddfellows, *et cetera*, few of our readers would suppose that there once existed enmity against Odd Fellowship that it would be proscribed by any Masonic Grand Lodge. Yet such was the case and that within the memory of many.

In the proceedings of the Masonic Grand Lodge, Louisiana, on the 28th of July, 1841, the following appears on part of the records:—

"WHEREAS, After due debates, it has been proved that the society of Odd Fellows has, since many years, in this state, caused a real wrong to the Masonic Order by using in the streets and public places, denominations and insignia imitated from those which, from time immemorial, have been consecrated by Masons to symbolize what they venerate with religious respect:

"AND WHEREAS A man who has taken an oath to be admitted in a secret society cannot take another oath to be admitted in another secret society, without exposing himself to be, at some future day, in the necessity of being a perjurer by disobeying one of those societies to obey another.

"The Grand Lodge of Louisiana, for these reasons, unanimously:—

"DECREE: that no person belonging to the society of Odd Fellows shall be initiated to Masonic mysteries in the lodge of jurisdiction and that all Masons who are actually members of those lodges, and at the same time belonging to the said society of Odd Fellows, shall not continue being members of said lodges unless they positively renounce said society of Odd Fellows."

Pursuant to the above a considerable

number of Masons were wantonly deprived of their Masonic prerogatives and expelled from their lodges for being Odd Fellows, as the following communication of the Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana addressed to one of the lodges will show:—

"NEW ORLEANS, NOV. 12, 1843.

"The Grand Lodge of the State of Louisiana:

"To the W.: Polar Star Lodge No. 1, W.:M.: and D.:B.B.:—I officially inform you that the W.: Lodge Le Foyer Macconique No. 4, has in its sitting of the present month of November, ordered the re-integration of Peter Rosendale, James Morrison, and Jonas Ames, who have ceased belonging to the society of Odd Fellows.

"By order of the Grand Lodge.

"F. VERRIER, Grand Secretary."

It is thus shown that Peter Rosendale and his brethren were expelled from their Masonic lodges for being Oddfellows, but that having "purged" themselves by leaving said order, they were Masonically "healed" and reinstated. Verily, the world is moving forward!

A STRANGE BALLOT.

A very peculiar balloting case occurred at the meeting of a country lodge held recently. The circumstances are as follows: A candidate was about to be balloted for, and when the brethren were being supplied with ballot balls it was discovered that there was not sufficient balls to provide all the brethren with same. On this fact being made known it was ascertained that four of the brethren could not be furnished with balls for the reason already stated. To overcome this difficulty, four of the brethren who had been supplied with balls, stood up and declared that, as they intended to vote for the candidate, they would hand over their ballot balls to the other four to enable the latter to record their votes. This having been done a ballot was taken, which proved adverse to the can-