

pedestal it should occupy by virtue of its teachings and antiquity we shall use it, and if our recent English exchanges were very bright in this respect our readers have the benefit of their choicest gems.

The *Freemason's Repository*, Providence, R. I., says: "We had the pleasure of making the acquaintance of Bro. J. Ross Robertson, * * * District Deputy Grand Master of the Eleventh Masonic District within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Colorado." We had no idea that Canada had been absorbed by Colorado. But it comes from certain brethren appropriating American titles for our districts, and ignoring their proper designations, as defined by our Constitution.

Even if the constitution of Prince Edward Island is silent regarding public installations of Grand or subordinate lodge officers, we think it was not a prudent step to vote down a motion declaring such installations injudicious. One of the charms of Freemasonry is the absolute secrecy connected with all its business, and the exclusion of all times of profanes. If installations are to be put on the same level as laying corner stones, then it only requires an equally short, sharp curve to put initiations on a level with installations.

At the consecration of Warner Lodge, Chingford, Essex, Eng., Grand Registrar Philbrick, in a happy speech, referred to the causes which led to the establishment of the lodge, and said he did not want "weedy" lodges, that burst up into a blaze at their start, and then—to use an Americanism—"fizzled out" in a short time.

They wanted lodges for sincere Masonic work, which could not be carried out without considerable labor and trouble, which was the condition of all things human. This is a grand sentiment, and could be readily transplanted with profit on this side of the Atlantic.

The *Baltimore Telegram* takes the same view of the anti-saloon-keeper crusade as *The Craftsman*, and points out that the Deputy Grand Master of one of the Grand Lodges is a millionaire distiller. It then propounds the following: "Now let us see whether there will be any discrimination in this matter, and if the retailer of liquors is to be punished and the wholesaler and manufacturer go Scot-free." The *Masonic Chronicle*, Columbus, O., holds that the brewer, distiller and wholesaler should be proceeded against as well as the retailer, a fair proposal.

In our August issue was quoted a paragraph from the *Freemason's Chronicle*, London, which stated that a German journal was authority for the announcement that the Emperor William was hostile to Freemasonry. The *London Freemason* is responsible for the following:—"Many rumours have been current of late to the effect that the Emperor William II. of Germany is no friend to Freemasonry, but according to a letter recently published by the Grand Duke of Hesse, his Imperial Majesty is about to present his portrait to a number of Masons' lodges in the Grand Duchy and elsewhere."

At the recent quarterly communication of the United Grand Lodge of England the Grand Treasurer was ac-