

at what had been done that they resolved to wreck the lodge, and from that day to this *every* candidate for initiation into King Solomon has been black-balled.

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We do not intend to argue whether the lodge was right or wrong in the course originally taken; that has nothing whatever to do with the present difficulty, because we maintain that if the action of the lodge had been as flagrantly unjust as it was possible to be, the policy since pursued by the dissentients has been un-Masonic and scandalous in the last degree. Brothers who find they are out of touch with their lodge should leave it, but to use the black ball as a means to kill the lodge at the expense of the honor of innocent men, is the worst form of moral assassination.

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Some action is about to be taken to test the possibility of stopping this kind of thing. Masonic lodges everywhere are bound to give King Solomon a generous support, because the difficulty of that lodge to-day may become the trouble of any other lodge to-morrow. If it once be seen that three or four men acting in concert can checkmate and dictate to, say, a couple of hundred, this kind of conspiracy will be sure to develop elsewhere.

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What precise action is to be taken we do not know, beyond the fact that a charge of "un-Masonic conduct and conspiracy" has been formulated against all who were present when the ballot was cast at the last regular meeting of King Solomon Lodge. This of course is very unpleasant to the innocent, but

they will doubtless willingly submit to the temporary annoyance in the interests of justice. We hope the charge will be pressed up to the hilt.

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It is suggested in some quarters that compromise should be attempted. We trust nothing of the kind will be listened to. The men who are engaged in the dirty work of wrecking this lodge have proved themselves outside the pale of ordinary courtesy; they are not fit to sit in a Masonic lodge; and there is no doubt that strict justice will be found to warrant their ignominious expulsion. We ask all Canadian lodges to do what they deem best to strengthen the hands of our brethren by moral support and if the result of the charge instituted by W. Bro. Grant be to discover beyond cavil the names of the obstructionists THE CRAFTSMAN will have great pleasure in giving them the benefit of its largest type and widest possible publicity.

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Last month we began the publication of an honour roll, in which was given the names of those subscribers who forwarded remittances during the month. As a number of accounts were sent in the last issue, and a further instalment will be despatched in the present one, we anticipate a large list for next month. During the past three months about a score of those whom we looked upon as subscribers, and who had received THE CRAFTSMAN regularly since its change of management, returned their magazines, with the remark "not wanted." Common decency should have prompted them to pay for our publication for the time they had accepted it, but decency