

MASONIC CHIT-CHAT.

BRO. PIKE is on a visit to California, Oregon and Washington Territory. Bro. Rob. Morris has returned to his home in Kentucky. Bro. Mackey has been in Kansas and Colorado.

THE *Corner Stone* has a gushing notice of the Erie Railway. It classes the road as the favorite, and says nearly all the conductors on it are brethren of the mystic tie.

BRO. MERRITT, of New York, had his diamond pin, valued at \$4,500, taken from his bosom while riding on a Fourth Avenue car from Creedmoor. When we took a ride in a Fourth Avenue car we had no diamonds to lose.

THE widow of Canon Kingsley, the novelist and "muscular christian," is to be taken care of by the Oxford Masons, who are getting up a subscription for her.

A poor deluded Brother committed suicide in Silver City, Idaho, because he feared he would become a burden to the fraternity.

THE *Keystone* says a delegation of over five hundred Canadian Masons, with their wives and daughters, visited the Centennial Exhibition. The number was nearer double that.

THE *Memphis Jewel* suggests that the *Louisville Masonic Journal* should change its name, out of deference to the Greensboro, (N. C.) *Masonic Journal*. It is certainly a pity that there should be two journals of the same name, but we suppose the publishers of both are at perfect liberty to do as they please about the titles of their publications.

NEVER solicit a man to become a Mason.

NEVER be absent from your Lodge if you can help it.

NEVER repel a brother because he is poor.

NEVER fail to admonish a brother if you see him err.

NEVER become an informer or spy upon your brethren.

NEVER forget that a Mason is your brother, and treat him accordingly.

NEVER act or sympathize with any party or clique in the body of Masonry.

NEVER make a display of Masonic emblems to attract attention for purposes of business.

NEVER recommend an applicant, unless you know him to be a *good man*, and who will conform to the precepts of the institution.

NEVER cast your ballot in favor of a candidate, unless you know him to be worthy, and free from reproach.

Hood's Ode to Rea Wilson, as to prayer, is eminently Masonic. Read it:

"Intolerance to none,
Whatever form the pious rite may bear;
Not even the poor pagan's homage to the sun
Would I scorn, lest even there
I spurned some element of Christian prayer."

ALL Lodges are erected to God, and his glorious and ineffable name should be syllabled with the greatest reverence, both within and without the veil of the sanctuary. His Holy Word is our greatest light, and it teaches us that we should not take his name in vain.

BRO. HON. E. Y. PARSONS, member of Congress from Kentucky, who died suddenly in Washington on July 8th ult., was but 34 years of age, a talented statesman, and esteemed and loved by all who knew him.

SOME dissatisfied Masons in Ontario have formed a pretended Grand Lodge, which they style the Grand Lodge of Ontario, claiming that the Grand Lodge of Canada is not the Grand Lodge of Ontario. They are clearly spurious, and no Masons hailing from it should be admitted to our Lodges.—*Masonic Token*.

"A Tale of Palestine," in the September number of THE CRAFTSMAN, should have been credited to the New York *Square*.

ST. JOHN'S LODGE No. 75, Toronto, must be in a very enviable position, judging from the fact that at the close of the last financial year it had a surplus of \$3,722.78.

NEW LODGES.—Dispensations have been issued by the M. W. the Grand Master, for the formation of the following New Lodges. 1. Elgin Lodge, St. Thomas, London District; Bros. H. G. Hunt, W. M., J. B. Truesdale, S. W., and Peter Stover, J. W. 2. Port Elgin Lodge, Port Elgin, Huron District; Bros. John Eastwood, W. M., Hugh McLean, S. W., and Wm. J. Craig, J. W. 3. St. Marys Lodge, St. Marys, Huron District; Bros. L. M. Clench, W. M., A. E. Ford, S. W., and William A. Bayley, J. W.