

the brim of good impulses and evil passions, so badly mixed as to make it impossible to separate them; a man who can fight when the sun shines, without forgetting to pray before the clouds return; a man who sometimes does wrong but habitually watches the score, to see that his good acts will keep well in the lead of the bad ones. There are few intelligent men who do not have a fairly good conception of right and wrong, yet to say that any considerable number of them never do a wrong act, is to give utterance to nonsense. It is not fair to say that they know the right and choose the wrong, for the reason that no reasonable being knowingly chooses the wrong. Mutual improvement is the mark at which Masonry aims. "Place your hand at a brother's back to prevent falling," it is no idle admonition; it is full of meaning; it is more than helpful to good society and is indispensable to Masonry, but should not be misunderstood. It were better to use a club than a supporting hand to the back of one who persists in violating the laws of Masonry, or of society in general. To forgive is divine. If, "in God we live and move and have our being," we certainly partake of the divine nature. God punishes the guilty; shall we do less? No "make-believe" can deceive the Almighty. God forgives only those who sincerely repent and are washed clean; shall we do more?—*Missouri Freemason.*

GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND.

The quarterly meeting of this Grand Lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, Edinburgh, on the 1st instant. The Hon. James Hozier, M.P., G.M., presided, and he was supported by Bros. the Hon. C. M. Ramsay, Depute G.M., and J. G. Dalrymple, of Woodhead, Substitute G.M. The Wardens' chairs were occupied by Bros. W. Munro Denholm, S.G.W., and R. King Stewart, of Murdostoun, J.G.W.

Before entering upon the business it was agreed to empower the Grand

Master to convey the congratulations of Grand Lodge to King Edward and Queen Alexandra on the occasion of their Coronation.

The Grand Master, referring to the death of Bro. James Rose Burgess, R.W.M. of Lodge Canongate Kilwinning, No. 2, said they all deeply regretted the loss of such a loyal and enthusiastic member of the Craft.

Bro. William A. Dinwiddie having resigned the office of Prov. Grand Master of Dumfriesshire, it was agreed, on the recommendation of the lodges in the province, to appoint Bro. William Murray of Murraythwaite as his successor.

The Grand Master conveyed to Bro. Dinwiddie their thanks for his services in Grand Lodge, and intimated that the installation of Bro. Murray would take place at Dumfries on the 23rd instant.

The following Prov. Grand Masters, whose commissions have expired, were reappointed: Bros. Lord Blythswood, Renfrewshire East; Sir Charles Dalrymple of Newhailes, M.P., Argyll and the Isles; the Earl of Haddington, Haddington and Berwickshire; and Major Robert G. Gordon Gilmour of Craigmillar, Mid-Lothian.

Charters were granted to the following new lodges: St. Andrew, Chefoo, China; Mahara, Opunake, New Zealand; Trafalgar, Western Australia; Polkemmet, Whitburn, Liniithgowshire; and Heather, Moonar, South India.

It was agreed that a Provincial Grand Lodge be erected at Capetown, to be styled "The Provincial Grand Lodge of the Western Province of Cape Colony," and that Bro. John Andrews be appointed to the Provincial Grand Mastership.

The Grand Master, referring to the new charter for Capetown, said it was very satisfactory to see that Scottish Freemasonry was doing so well in South Africa, and he thought the Craft would do much to smooth over animosities when the war was at an end. (Applause).

The minutes of Grand Committee