

Inspectors-General. The names of these brethren, together with those of two others, ranked as of the 32° and similarly dealt with, were Ill. Bro. C. E. Pierce, who reported for the Boston "Journal," and published by that paper in its daily issues, including the preamble and resolutions. Seeing that the so-called expelled brethren are men holding high positions in other branches of Masonry, we should deem it rather an honor to be red-lettered by men who so far forget that Masons have a right to private opinions and private judgment on *all* Masonic questions, and if some believing conscientiously that the Cerneau branch of the Scottish Rite is the legitimate one, how dare others injure their characters by publishing so-called expulsions through the public press. These remarks refer to the Canadian Scottish Rite as well as the American.

It is striking, and at the same time affecting, often, to realize to what beneficent uses our great Charities are put, and what melancholy cases of sickness, suffering, bereavement, poverty they help and meet. In the inscrutable wisdom of T.G.A.O.T.U. many are the afflictions of our common humanity, many the unforeseen visitations, the inexplicable trials to which mortality is heir to here. Hardly a day passes over our heads, not a biennial election returns, but we are and must be, impressed with the extent of human suffering and the need, value and blessing of our Masonic Charities. The bread-winner struck down by some mysterious disease, in full activity; the mourning widow and the bereaved children; all

these cases come before us often in sad plenitude and succession, and they are such as seem necessarily to appeal to our Masonic sensibilities, to touch our memories and melt our hearts. This week, as we are again approaching another election-period, we may be well reminded of the serious necessity and beneficial outcome of our great Educational Institutions; and may the thoughts, thus realistic and opportune, stir us all up to even still greater exertions on behalf of these great Charities of ours, which appeal so strongly to our personal feelings, evince so markedly the absolute need of their existence, attest so forcibly the sincerity of our Masonic professions, and illustrate so truly the genius, the mission of true Freemasonry in the world and amongst ourselves at this hour."—*London Freemason.*

MASONIC ITEMS.

The *Keystone* speaks of "the Duke" of Lathour. Our worthy Brother was only recently created "an earl," which is two steps in the peerage below that of a Duke. It is seldom our excellent contemporary makes a mistake of this kind.

The Masonic Board of Relief of Ottawa lately detected another beat, giving the name of Daniel Miller, and claiming to hail from Acacian Lodge, No. 705, Ogdensburg. No such individual ever belonged to that lodge, a telegram having been received to that effect. As he has left Ottawa for other fields, the Craft are warned to be on the look out for him and pass him along. Beats fare badly at the hands of the Ottawa Board, as it has