

We regret to note at its recent session, the Grand Lodge of Ohio declined to recognize the Grand Lodge of Victoria. It has to come,—why not do it at once? Of course, a lot of nonsense was talked about the Eastern Star, and Ohio Masons who confer the degrees in a Masonic Hall subject themselves to Masonic discipline, and yet *Ye Nobles of Ye Mystic Shrine* may play at hanging and stabbing, and running over the desert with their camels, and no word against them. But in Ohio, the land of the pure, a Master Mason must not give his wife or daughter the beautiful little grades of the Eastern Star in a Masonic Hall, for fear their presence might contaminate the *sanctum sanctorum* of these purists. A temperance clause was adopted. Bro. E. T. Carson tried to run his hobby about the Rite of Memphis, but was quietly sat upon by the Grand Lodge, the same as Illinois, deciding it had nothing to do with any of the high degrees.

And now the candidate for office smiles sweetly on you, and seductively pours into your ears the fact that he is the only suitable person to fill the office of——. It is a self-evident fact that the system of electioneering for office, at present in vogue, is a disgrace, and a very great detriment to the Order. We have in our mind's eye a case clearly showing the correctness of the above proposition. A certain clique determined they would capture the offices in their lodge, yet knowing full well that the regular attendants would not give them their support, they therefore set to work to bring in the absentees, and the result was that the lodge-room, on the night of election, was crowded with members, some of whom had not been seen there for years. Well, the ballots were cast, and the old faithful members were left out in the cold. It would be naturally supposed that having elected their men, these "stay aways"

would have at least visited the lodge occasionally, to assist in the work. Not much, they didn't. Now, what has been the result? Why, just simply this: The lodge, from having a good sized attendance at every meeting, has dwindled down to a bare quorum, and if it had not been for visitors, we do not see how they would have been able to confer the degrees. Brethren, do not permit yourselves to be beguiled into voting for a member for office, just because he is a "good fellow," when in reality he is as unfit for the position as if he had never been initiated.—*Masonic Chronicle*. [The words of the *Masonic Chronicle* are so true that we gladly transpose them to our columns. This electioneering for office is an outrage.—ED. CRAFTSMAN.]

We beg to call attention to the two following paragraphs from the *Times*, of Montreal, of 14th and 16th October, respectively. They will create great amusement in England, whether "canards or not, and we should think equally in Quebec. We defer fuller editorial remarks until next issue: "It was to-day stated that Mr. John H. Isaacson, Grand Secretary of the Quebec Grand Lodge of Freemasons, has written to the Prince of Wales, as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England, intimating that if he did not cause to be withdrawn the warrants of the English Lodges here before the 1st January, 1885, they would be declared to be clandestine lodges." It is reported that the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Quebec has prepared an edict, proclaiming the sovereign and supreme jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, and declaring that all Masons holding of the Grand Lodge of England are irregular and clandestine. The edict is understood to be at present in process of circulation. The probability is that the issuance of the document will only tend to still further complicate matters, without in any way leading to a