

given to the *Crème de la Crème*. And yet they call it Masonry.

Symbolic Masonry may have its short-comings, but the great good it has done—the Charity it has and is dispensing, will atone therefor. And what has the A. A. S. Rite done? Nothing beyond, with its *ad vitam* Hierarchy, acting as a tyrant, and issuing its “Red Letters” in imitation of the Popes of Rome.

If this be Toleration or Freemasonry, then the word should be expunged from the language we speak.—*Masonic Era and Analectic*.

THE JUBILEE JEWEL.

We have received several letters, all more or less condemnatory of that part of the approved scheme for a Masonic celebration of the Queen's Jubilee, which sanctions a jewel to be worn by all Masons who are subscribing members of our English lodges on the 20th June next, the day when Her Majesty will complete the 50th year of her reign. The gist of the argument they mostly adopt, is that there are already enough, and more than enough, jewels worn in Masonry; that there is a decided tendency in the direction of wearing more of them, and that it is desirable to discourage rather than encourage this tendency. But without stopping to consider the merits or demerits of these arguments, we take the liberty of reminding our correspondents that a Sovereign's Jubilee is of rare occurrence. Of the thirty and odd monarchs who have reigned since the Conquest, there have been only four who have occupied the throne for fifty years and upwards, namely, Henry III., Edward III., George III., and our present gracious Queen. And as her Majesty is the daughter, niece, and mother of Princess who were, or are, Masons, it seems fitting that something in the way of a numismatic token of her Jubilee should be sanctioned. If, then, a jewel is deemed objectionable on the grounds which

have been indicated, and might wound the susceptibilities of some of our best craftsmen, we think no objection can be raised to a Commemorative Masonic Medal, which may be costly or of little cost, according to the views of the brother purchasing it, while it will be to him and his always a memento of his association with the fraternity at the time when the Queen, the mother of our Grand Master, completed the Jubilee year of her reign. Let the dies for such a medal be struck, and the medals, of different values, issued only to subscribing members of lodges on the day specified, and it strikes us the objections of many worthy brethren will be overcome. Perhaps some of our readers will favor us with their views on the subject.—*London Freemason*.

THE MASONIC BALL AT CANNINGTON.—In spite of the inclemency of the weather on the night of the 25th Jan., there was a very good attendance at the annual Masonic Ball, which took place in the new hall of the Lodge. Besides the Canningtonians present a number were present from Woodville, Beaverton, Sunderland, Port Perry and other places far and near. W. Bro. Cockburn was among the visitors. Dancing, for which music was supplied by the Burnham orchestra, was indulged in until about one o'clock when an adjournment was made to the Bennett House, where the genial and popular proprietor had prepared in best style, a supper that would be difficult to equal anywhere, and met with the general approval of all. Supper over, the merry dancers again returned to the hall, where dancing was again indulged in, and kept up with gusto into the “wee sma’ hours.” The Masonic brethren are, considering the wet and stormy weather which prevailed, to be congratulated upon the success which has attended their tenth annual ball, and, as far as we have been able to ascertain, all present thoroughly enjoyed themselves.