

unimportant villages, where good material is scarce, is where unqualified, unprincipled ones either manage to "run the Lodge," or by their constant clamor and quarrelling disgust the better part of the members and succeed in driving them away, or keep them in that constant foment often termed "hot water." The claim often set up, "I am the father of this Lodge," "had it not been for me, you would have no Lodge here to this day if ever," is well calculated to gain them the votes of unthinking brethren, and gain for them the principle office, so that the abortion of the Lodge is governed by its boastful but unworthy parent—and both Lodge and Master are alike a disgrace to the Craft. In other instances, where a better element endeavors to rule, and save the Lodge, there is enough of this bad leaven at work to paralyze the effort, and the result is anything but satisfactory to those who have the good of the institution in view.

This evil is a serious one, and the important question is: how are we to act in the premises in order to remedy it?

No doubt the best remedy in several instances is to revoke the Charter, and disband the weak, sickly Lodge. In such case the members who are worthy a place in our ranks could affiliate with a healthful, vigorous Lodge in the vicinity, where they would feel much more at home, and find a field where they could use their influence for building up real Masonry—and others who were never worthy or well qualified could be heaved over among the rubbish. In this way, while our number of Lodges would be lessened, our real strength would be greater, and the institution in Michigan become purer, and in all respects improved.

If we are not mistaken these are the views of our Grand Master and others holding commanding positions in the Jurisdictions, and we would suggest to the members of certain sickly, effeminate Lodges we wot of, that they had best cease their confusion and jangling, and be up and doing while the day lasts, showing themselves worthy of Masonic life, or perchance the night will soon come and with it the mandate, "Cut ye down the worthless tree; why cumbereth it the ground?"—*Michigan Freemason*.

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## AT REST.

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HIS EXCELLENCY MARSHAL THE DUKE OF SALDANHA, Portugese, Ambassador to England, and member of the 33rd Degree in Portugal, is dead.

M. W. BRO. L. V. BIERCE, P. G. M. of Ohio, died at Akron, on the 11th November, of Paralysis. He was commander of a portion of the insurgent forces in the Canadian rebellion of 1837-38. He was in his 75th year.

BRO. STEPHEN ORTH, one of the oldest Masons in Pennsylvania, and Tyler of the several Lodges at Reading, died on the 21st November, aged 84.

DIED on the 12th Dec. last at Georgetown, in the County of Halton, Bro. Joseph Goodwillie, of Speed Lodge, No. 180, Guelph. The death of our departed Bro. was no doubt accelerated by a wound he received at the time of the Fenian invasion, he, being a volunteer in the Queen's own. He went with his regiment to Ridgeway, and whilst in action was wounded in the knee which finally threw him into consumption. He succumbed in the very prime of life, being but 29 years of age.

It is our painful duty this month to record the decease of our Rt. Wor. & Rev. Bro. A. H. Washburne, D. D. Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Canada near the Grand Lodge of Ohio in the recent accident at Ashtabula on the Lake Shore Railroad. Bro. Washburne was originally we believe from Massachusetts, but for many years had been Rector of Grace Church, Cleveland Ohio. In his adopted home, he took an active part in all matters pertaining to the Craft and was a constant attendant at Lodge, Chapter, Council and Commandery. For some time he occupied the East in Tyrian Lodge, No. 370, Cleveland, Ohio. He was Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of that State, during which period he was appointed our Grand Representative near that Grand Body, and at the last annual communication of the same he raised his voice in protest against the schismatic body termed the Grand Lodge of Ontario; thus materially assisting in the prevention of that spurious organization. Bro. Washburne, however, although taking so much interest in Craft masonry did not neglect caputular and cryptic and always paid particular attention to the christian bodies, including the Temple and the A. & A. Rites. The following are the bodies of which he was a member at the time of his death: Tyrian Lodge, No. 370; Webb Chapter, No. 14; Cleveland Council, No. 36; Oriental Commandery, No. 12; Eliadah Grand Lodge of Perfection; Bahurim Grand Council of P. of J. & Ariel Chapter Soth Princess of Rose Croix de H. R. D. M.