

thinks it is a question of merit, of labor, or devotion to the Orders he belongs to. This is altogether fallacious, and we are surprised at our Memphis brother entertaining such a notion. He concedes, however, that all things being equal, Masons are to have the precedence when they desire it. He puts the case in this wise: He has himself been an Odd Fellow for twenty years, and filled various offices; should he die without making any request as to burial, he considers the Masons, if they consider him worthy, would have control of the funeral, and it would be for them to say what part the Odd Fellows should take. Another case is put this way: the treasurer of a Masonic Lodge has devoted most of his time to Odd Fellowship, should he die without making any request, Bro. Wheeler thinks the Masons should ask if they would be permitted to perform the last rites; if not permitted, they should go as an escort. This is all wrong, and he must see it, for the admission is plain that he approves of mixed funerals after all. or why should the Masons appear in the character of Masons when the Odd Fellows had control of the funeral?

A MASONIC MEMORIAL.

We learn from the Chathan *Planet* that Trinity Church, Blenheim, has recently been renovated, and among other improvements in the sacred edifice is a beautiful memorial window, of which a correspondent of the *Planet* says:

Over the altar is a very handsome stained glass window with the beautiful emblems of the Christian degrees of Freemasonry, viz: Knights of Malta, Rose Croix and 33 Illustrations, 'In memory of Captain Thompson Wilson, of London, Ont., by his daughter, Mary Theodora.' The late captain was an exalted officer of these degrees Past Grand Z. of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons. The window was executed by Mr. R. Lewis, Stained Glass Works, London, and it reflects great credit upon that firm, for it is a lovely window, and it has since been surmounted with an escutcheon of blue ground and the device of the monogram and the crown of glory, in gold, the whole tastefully executed and presented by Mr. G. A. F. Allen. In front of the communion-rail is a finely carved Baptismal font. The design is octagon, with niches, in which are fleur-de-llys and crosses of various shapes. It was executed and presented by Mr. W. Coghlan. It stands upon a very nicely designed pedestal presented by the Worshipful Master, Mr. L. Kenne, and Brethren of the Masonic Lodge. There are also two handsomely carved chairs in the communion; the design is Gothic, surmounted by fleur-de-llys; these were executed by Mr. W. Coghlan.

NEW YORK GRAND LODGE.

THE Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York took high ground, at the recent annual meeting, upon certain points of interest to all Masons. With reference to the refusal or neglect to pay dues when there is ability to do so, he thought it a just penalty that there should be suspension from all rights and privileges except charity, the penalty to be inflicted in accordance with safe-guards, and continue until removed by payment of the amount due. Unaffiliated brethren, honorably discharged from other Lodges, he considered entitled to the privileges of Masonry. On this point the Committee on Constitution adopted the following: "Any one who shall remain an unaffiliated Mason in this jurisdiction for one year or more, shall not be allowed to visit a Masonic Lodge, join in a Masonic procession, nor be entitled to Masonic relief or burial."

These are all matters of much importance to the Craft, and the action of the Grand Lodge seems fair and reasonable. It was further decided