

other respect in apparently equal circumstances.

Does the result in such cases justify the course adopted? or have the effect that is desired? We hardly think so, being of opinion that momentary considerations are of little or no moment to those who desire to enter the Craft from unworthy motives. Indeed, we would rather expect an undesirable candidate to seek admission into a high priced Lodge than a cheaper one, because he would imagine by so doing he would stand a fair chance of becoming acquainted with a higher section of society, but at the same time we are inclined to recognise that different grades of Lodges are desirable, in order to provide for the requirements of different sections of society in the same neighbourhood, although the main principle of Freemasonry is rigorously opposed to anything like a departure from equality in our midst.

How, then, it may be asked, are we to have distinctions without a difference in price, and for answer we would say, merely set a higher standard at the outset, and resolutely object to the introduction of any candidates who do not come up to that standard. This is the most effectual method, and at once removes the mercenary element, which which is not only most objectionable from a Masonic point of view, but, to our mind of thinking, wholly ineffective.—*Freemason's Chronicle.*

The length of your cable tow in old Scottish working was, for E.A., two miles by day and one by night; F.C., three miles by day and two by night; M.M., five by day and three by night.

SUBSCRIPTIONS RECEIVED.

The following subscriptions have been received since our last issue, and we shall be obliged if our brethren will favor us with notice of any omissions that may occur:

E. J. Carter, \$1.00; Jas. W. Staton, \$1.00; Dr. A. A. Henderson, \$1.00; S. Hollingworth, \$1.00; Ino. P. Noyes, \$1.00; J. M. Little, \$1.00; Harry Vigeon, \$3.00; N. T. Lyon, \$1.00; D. McFarlane, \$1.00; W. J. Robie, \$1.00; John Scoon, \$1.00; W. H.

Erbach, \$1.00; Hon. John Yeo, \$1.00; W. W. Fryer, \$1.00; J. B. Jardine, \$1.00; Burlington Lodge, \$2.50; A. McLean, \$1.00; J. W. Morton, \$1.00; Supreme Council 33°, \$2.50; S. Stacker Williams, \$1.00; Qu'Appelle Valley Lodge, \$1.00; Arch'd Hood, E. C. Fitzgerald, \$2.00; Jas. Alexander, \$1.00.

PLEASANTRIES.

Customer: "Give me a dozen fried oysters." Waiter: "Sorry, sir; but we're all out of shell fish, excepting eggs."

A student, describing the salubrity of Italy, stated that, "in spite of the cholera the mortality only reached twenty per thousand."

A gentleman, who was relating an accident he had had, was asked by the surgeon if it was near the vertebrae that he had been hurt. "No, sir," was the reply: "it was near the Observatory."

An auctioneer at a sale of antiquities put up a helmet with the candid remark: "This, ladies and gentlemen, is a helmet of Romulus, the Roman founder: I think he was the first in the iron business."

Mrs. Newriche (patronizingly): "Where any of your ancestors men of note, Mr. Cynic?" Mr. Cynic: "Yes, madam, I should say so. One of them was the most famous admiral of this day, and commanded the allied forces of the world." Mrs. Newriche (with altered tone of deep respect): "Is it possible, Mr. Cynic! And what was his name?" Mr. Cynic: "Noah, madam."

The *Musical Courier* tells this anecdote about Joachim and a London barber: "The great violinist is said to have once visited a barber in that city to get his hair cut. He is in the habit of wearing it rather long behind, and intimated as much to the barber, whereupon that individual promptly replied, 'I wouldn't wear it too long, mister: if you do, you'll look just like one o' them fiddlin' chaps,'"

He had been silent in thought for some time. At length he heaved a sigh, which moved his friend to inquire what the trouble was. "This world ain't run right," he answered. "Why, you ought to be happy. You've been away enjoying yourself, I understand." "Yes. I've been away but, I don't see much enjoyment,—not in a world where the fish are so shy about bitin' an' the mosquitoes so eternally willin'."

At the recent meeting of the Supreme Court I.O.F., R. W. Bro. Harry A. Collins, of Toronto was elected Supreme Treasurer. The remainder of the Supreme Executive were re-elected.