

Competitive drills, where gate fees are charged, between Commandries of Knights Templar, are receiving unfavorable criticism at the hands of the press.

Secretaries of Lodges and others are requested to furnish us with all local items of news in connection with the Craft. This is the only way in which we can obtain such information, and we shall feel under obligations to those who render us aid and assistance.

The Voice says:—"The Corner Stone condemns the Grand Lodge of Ohio for insisting on faith in God as a prerequisite for admission into Freemasonry, and that it boldly favors the invasion of all American jurisdictions by the Grand Orient of France." We think *The Voice* has not grasped the meaning of the latter article, and possibly may have erred regarding the former; we did not notice it.

ARIZONA.—At the annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Arizona, on the retirement of M. W. Bro. Judge A. M. Bragg from the Grand East, Judge J. T. Alsop was elected Grand Master and the obliging Grand Secretary R. W. Bro. Roskruge was re-elected to his important office. We welcome the Grand Lodge of Arizona into the sisterhood of Grand Lodges.

The *Masonic Magazine*, for gentlemen in town and country, published by Kenning & Co., of London, England, places the name of Bro. Robert Ramsay amongst the distinguished Masonic writers of the present day, and says that with a collegian of such authorities, Masonic journalism

is making a decided improvement over that of the past. This is a very great compliment, considering the high source from which it comes. Bro. Dr. Ramsay has just been elected an honorary member of Elora Lodge of St. Lawrence, the Martyr, of York, England, over which the eminent achæologist and erudite Masonic scholar, T. B. Whytehead, formerly presided as Worshipful Master.—*London Free Press*.

The California craze bids fair to become an immense one. These Triennial gatherings are doubtless very pleasant to those, who have plenty of money to spare and to spend, but we should like to see a somewhat more practical result from such gatherings. If American Templary is all for parade, glare and glitter, it is all right; but if it pretends to practice and exhibit the Christian virtues, let it do so. It is already falling into Deism and Unitarianism, and forsaking the doctrine of its founders, and when we contemplate seriously on these things, we wonder what the end will be. The soldiers of the cross without the Christ, who taught a belief in the Father, Son and Holy Ghost!

We are in receipt of letters from R. W. Bro. Nicholas Weekes, G. S. Grand Lodge New South Wales, and R. W. Bro. R. P. Negus, P. M., P. Z., P. Prec., 13^d, etc., and editor of the *Freemason*, Sydney, N. S. W., denouncing the slanders that the *Voice of Masonry* has recently published regarding the Grand Lodge of New South Wales, and at the same time informing us of the prosperity of that Grand Lodge, and again the