

small accounts. Our readers have no idea of the amount of absolute dishonesty which is tried to be played off upon us, but long experience in dealing with all phases of the publishing business generally unmasks the imposition and points out a remedy; but wherever we have found it would be a hardship to exact payment, in every instance have we forgiven the debt, given extra time, or in some way met the convenience of the parties. We are always willing to do this, but those who try to deceive us by false representations do not often succeed.

Obituary Notice.

Bro. A. M. Ross, a Past Master of Corinthian Lodge, No. 330, London, was called to his rest on the 8th inst., and was buried with Masonic honors on the Friday following. A large number of the brethren were present, and the Corporation of London East, of which he had been a member, also attended in a body. Bro. Ross had for many years been associated with the mercantile interests of the city of London, and represented the city at the important meeting of the Dominion Board of Trade in 1877. In 1865 he contested the election for the North Riding of Middlesex in the Reform interest, and was beaten by a majority only of two. He was 52 years of age, and leaves a wife, two sons and a daughter, for whom the deepest sympathy is expressed.

Divine Service and Grand Lodge.

To the Editor of THE CRAFTSMAN.

DEAR SIR AND R. W. Bro.—Your last number brings us an article from our P. G. Chaplain, Rev. Chas. W. Paterson, inscribed Divine Service and Grand Lodge, wherein our Rev. Brother intimates that although his motion, that Grand Lodge be opened with Divine Service, brought before the last session of Grand Lodge, received such a cold reception, he, nevertheless, intends to persevere in his effort, and that he feels he shall eventually succeed.

As this is a matter of opinion, he is fully justified to express the same. Different, however, it is with some of that Rev.

Brother's statements, where he mentions names of brethren who at last meeting of Grand Lodge took part in the discussion upon that motion, and publishes through the press the arguments adduced by them against that motion, and also asserts that my speech was uncalled for and unnecessary. That Rev. Bro. over his own signature mentions the names of Bro. Klotz and Bro. Spry as parties to the debate, and publishes either the substance or words of their respective arguments; and such a publication is a direct violation of the Constitution of Grand Lodge, as laid down in the third clause "of members and their duty."

It would be an easy matter for me to show the provocation to the remarks I made and to the warmth with which I spoke, but as in so doing I would fall into the same error, and make myself liable to expulsion from the Order, as our Rev. Bro. appears to have done by his publication. I must refrain from availing myself of that weapon, for my duty as a Mason stands higher with me than a mere personal gratification, however strong the inclination may be to indulge in the same.

The Rev. Bro. refers to a certain P. D. D. G. M.'s opinion that if he goes to church once on a Sunday he does not see why he should be compelled to go on a week day, and then lectures that R. W. brother as to his wrong conception of the obligations laid upon him as a Christian and a Mason; and finally our Rev. Bro. accuses those who do not believe in going to church on a week day, of having kept awake the citizens of Guelph long after midnight by riot and revelry.

This is a most extraordinary accusation, a direct attack upon that P. D. D. G. M. as one of those who does not believe in going to church on a week day, and upon all the rest of the brethren, for ought we know including our esteemed Grand Master. Can it be possible that that wholesale accusation is true? That about ten thousand people were kept awake long after midnight by the riot and revelry of members of Grand Lodge during its session at Guelph last July, and yet not a single one of these citizens made a single complaint through the public press, while in all cases of complaint of that nature the public press is the usual channel by which the same are made known. I was myself in that city on the night in question, and as usual during Grand Lodge session, engaged in my room till after midnight writing up Grand Lodge papers, but I never heard either riot or revelry, yet the hotel at which I stayed was filled with members of Grand Lodge.

That accusation of our Rev. Brother I consider most flagrant, wanton and personal, entirely uncalled for in public print, decidedly un-Masonic and un-Christian,