

as to the doings of the brethren, and are thereby enabled to make this publication more interesting. But there is one thing connected with notices that has made quite an impression upon our mind and has caused us more than once to stop and reflect: Are these things just as they should be?

Of course, we are well aware of the fact that it costs money to properly maintain any organization, and if the member do not pay their dues punctually, they must be dunned for the amount, and as it is a physical impossibility for the secretary to call upon each member individually, printed circulars must be used. That is all right and proper. But of all the circulars and notices that reach our table, none of them, except those issued by Mecca Temple, Order of the Mystic Shrine, of New York city, and last notices sent out by Ancient Landmark Lodge of this city, make any attempt whatever to do aught but notify the members of meetings to occur, or dun them for dues.

They do not aim to help the brethren at all. They are not for the purpose of securing employment for the unemployed. They are not to notify the members that Bros. So-and-So are sick and would like to look into the friendly eye of the brother craftsmen.

No. No such purpose prompts their issuance. Business—nothing else—is the only reason they are sent out. 'Twere far better, for the Masonic Institution, if an occasional notice, aiming to elevate humanity, and having on the upper left hand corner of the envelope the return notice of the Secretary of a Masonic body, were to be put into the little red box of the lamppost.—*Masonic Record*.

MASONRY IN THE SPIRIT WORLD.

Judging from brief reports that have reached us, the Brethren of Liverpool recently had somewhat of a comical experience in regard to Freemasonry, as viewed from a Spiritualist's point of view; a certain Mrs. Britten having

undertaken to deliver a Lecture on "Freemasonry: Its origin, spiritual meaning, and mystery," prefacing her observations by a solemn declaration that she had not received her knowledge from any human being, her argument presumably being that it came from another world, communicated, it may be conjectured, by the spirit of a deceased member of our Order, or, it may even be claimed, by the Grand Master who met such a tragic end just before the completion of King Solomon's Temple.

We regret we were not present to join in the good natured laugh which followed the relation of what the chairman of the meeting describes as a ludicrous travesty of the different ceremonials in the Craft, as set forth in some spurious works published in America, as we have a fancy for hearing both sides of the story, and have had to sit out many a heavy, long drawn out dissertation on the merits of the Craft, or of some of its particular virtues, and can imagine these revelations from the spirit world would have come as a pleasant change, although we are afraid we should have started to the meeting with the firm conviction that we and others who were present were about to be humbugged—a result which, from information received, as it is customary to put it, seems to have befallen the Brethren who attended on the faith of the programme put forth.

It appears that the Lecture was given under the auspices of the Liverpool Society of Spiritualists, a body which, it is fair to imagine, have a certain knowledge of what is required from one respectable member of society towards another, and on that account we can hardly dismiss the travesty as an attempt at practical joking. We must rather assume that the Spiritualists have faith in the utterances of such of their enthusiasts as this Mrs. Britten, and are foolish enough to believe that the messages are inspired in the manner claimed, or surely they were unwise in selecting the Masonic body as a dupe, as it should have been self evident to