

Ancient Masonry. Brethren, let us make the entrance to Masonry as difficult as we may, but once we take a brother to our hearts let us hold him fast 'by hooks of steel,' and not ignominiously kick him out of our temple because he owes \$2 00 for last year's dues."

In his notice of Canada for 1872, we find the following:—

"A resolution that 'all business in private Lodges in connection with this Grand Lodge be conducted in the third degree,' was ruled out of order by the Grand Master 'inasmuch as the notice did not state that it was an amendment to the Constitution.' According to our ideas the resolution was superfluous as no general business can be transacted in any other than a Master Mason's Lodge."

In this latter sentence, Bro. Hoskinson displays a lamentable ignorance of the practice of the oldest and most influential Grand Lodges. In our Lodges the general business is always transacted in the Entered Apprentice degree. In this, we follow our Mother Grand Lodge of England, and all the European Grand Lodges. The Grand Lodges of the United States have departed in this respect from Ancient Custom, and for no good reason, that we can see.

In his review of Georgia, he again reverts to suspensions for non-payment of dues.

"We hold that there is a vast difference and a wide distinction between a suspension for non-payment of dues and other Masonic offences. We believe there is nothing criminal or unmasonic in owing a few dollars, and we fail to see how a debt to a Lodge is of any more importance than a debt to a brother Mason. Yet we despise as heartily as Bro. Blackshear those mean, shiftless, worthless dead-beats, who occasionally sneak into a Lodge, and while enjoying all the benefits of the organization refuse to aid in its support; nevertheless, they are Masons and have rights. We believe the best way for the Lodge is to dimitt such members on its own motion. If they fail to pay their dues after they have run a year, and after being thrice demanded, dimitt them, balance their account, send them a receipted bill, and carry it over to the debtor side of the Charity Fund. There will be less timber, but what there is will be sound."

M. W. Bro. R. DeLos Pulford, was elected Grand Master; and R. W. Bro. George B. Hoskinson, was elected Grand Secretary.