

APRONS!

The Constitution specially designates the aprons to be worn by those belonging to the several degrees. *Quod vide.*

This is a matter of singular importance, to which in some lodges particular attention needs to be given.

While recently present in a Lodge of Fellow Crafts, I observed several brethren clothed as Entered Apprentices, and having but a short time ago attained my seventh year in Freemasonry, I hesitated from timidity, to call the attention of the W. M. thereto;—but when I saw the same shortly thereafter in a lodge of Master Masons, I mustered courage prudently to ask the W. M. “how these brethren so clothed, came to be here!”

The W. M., in amazement at the oversight, immediately caused the error to be corrected, to the great satisfaction of the brethren found guilty of the gross neglect.

This pleasant (!) little episode caused scrutinizing glances to be cast at the clothing of all the officers and brethren present, when lo and behold, several significant omissions and defects in the clothing of others were at once detected, and the temporary “confusion” caused thereby having been promptly and instructively overcome, the W. M., officers and brethren, evidently pleased with the lesson received, proceeded with their work in the degree.

One thing in connection with the foregoing incident greatly pleased me, and that was the truly Masonic spirit and teachableness of the W. M.,—for after the close of the lodge, ap-

proaching me, he said,—“I am under great obligations to you for calling attention to our neglect regarding the proper clothing of the brethren in the several degrees, and I assure you that the lesson will not soon, if ever, be forgotten by any of us.” And to my still greater satisfaction he added,—“in like manner, I have been greatly benefitted by similar suggestions in recent numbers of ‘THE CANADIAN CRAFTSMAN,’ under different headings,—and I must say that the hints and instruction contained in these alone, have been worth to me far more than my year’s subscription to that excellent Masonic periodical.”

And, for some cause or another, looking significantly at me, he further pleasantly said;—“I begin to think that there’s been ‘a chiel amangst us takin’ notes,’ and I am not sure but that unless we mend our ways, he will, like ‘Mr. Speaker,’ ‘name’ some of us.”

“THE OFFICE-SEEKER.”

No genuine Freemason is an office-seeker. If a brother is worthy and well qualified, the office will seek him;—he needs not to seek the office.

Good brethren are always quick to perceive and eager to utilize those qualifications which make a successful ruler in the Craft.

A brother who had most creditably occupied almost every position in the lodge and in Grand Lodge, once said that he had never allowed himself to be canvassed in regard to office,—and that whenever he was duly enquired of whether he would accept such or such a position, his invariable reply was, that “if his brethren so desired,