

MASONIC PROSPERITY.—When the dark cloud of oppression like the frowning mantle, of the Almighty, brooded over mankind and seemed to strike out the last ray of hope throughout the world, she witnessed with thrilling emotions, the first gleaming beams of civil liberty emerge from the darkness of human oppression, and the establishment of vigorous republics upon the ruins of despotic monarchies. She has in the even progress of her course observed all these changes, and to-day, in the noonday of the nineteenth century, she may survey with exceeding pride the habitable globe, and realize that in every clime, under every sun, where civilization dwells, the altar of Masonry has been erected, and that men of every nationality worship at her shrine yet; that she is secure from the attack of any power; that the sword of no sovereign is raised against her; and fanaticism is being dissolved by the dazzling beams of Masonic lights, and that the grand civilization which has so richly dawned upon the world has joined in closer bonds of fraternal fellowship the scattered millions of our order.—*Bro. H. S. Kaley, Grand Orator, Nebraska.*

It is quite evident that the editor of the *Keystones* does not believe in having Lodge rooms used for the purpose of giving a ball, judging by the following:—"We read, in the accounts of some Lodges abroad, of "at homes," "conversaciones," "public installations," "balls," and other shows, set up by Masonic Lodges for the delectation of the profane. Is it not about time that these courtesies should be publicly acknowledged and returned, and that Masonic Lodges should be invited to circuses, theatres, base ball matches, skating rinks, and other similar public resorts? Or, is this not a good time for the issuance of some Edicts in the premises, if there are any *bona fide* Grand Masters in the jurisdictions where these un-Masonic antics occur?" If the *Key-*

stones will give some reason why a Lodge room or the craft is injured by holding a ball, its contemporaries would doubtless respectfully consider its views. As far as we can see there is no harm inflicted on any one, and for a Masonic entertainment of any kind there is nothing like the Masonic hall. We are, however, strongly opposed to public installations.

At the close of the regular business of King Hiram Lodge, Lindsay, the brethren adjourned to Terry's restaurant, where they were joined by many others, and over a capital oyster supper, united in wishing unlimited prosperity to Bro. J. J. Irvine, who has decided to take up his residence for a time in the Province of British Columbia. Speeches were made, songs sung, and a pleasant time passed.

The members of the craft in Qu'Appelle, N. W. T., and vicinity, met on the evening of the 8th inst., and decided to petition the Grand Lodge of Manitoba for the institution of a lodge at that place. They selected the name of Parkland for their lodge, and named the following as the first principal officers:—W. M., James Weidman, late of Rat Portage; S. W., A. C. Peterson; J. W., A. N. Wismer; Treasurer, S. H. Caswell; Secretary, S. S. Nelson.

At the annual assembly of Mount Calvary Preceptory, No. 12, Barrie, the following were elected office-bearers for the ensuing year:—Presiding-Preceptor—E. Fra. Robert A. Douglas; Constable—E. Fra. Samuel Wesley; Marshal—E. Fra. John Rogerson; Chaplain—E. E. Fra. J. McL. Stevenson; Registrar—V. E. Fra. Wm. Downie; Treasurer—R. E. Fra. Daniel Spry; Sub-Marshal—Fra. Arthur C. Garden. This Preceptory is in a flourishing condition, and has on its roll some of the leading Masons in Canada.

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