

Wilcox; Sec, F A Campbell; Chap, H Carson; S D, A Fead; J D, T Jennings; I G, G A Bichard.

Middlesex, 379, Bryanstone.—Isaac Nicholson, W.M.; E. G. Sale, S.W.; Thomas Gowan, J. W.: Geo, Woods, Chaplain; Jos. Sinclair, Treas.; Isaac Nicholson, Sec., D. McPherson, Tyler.

St. John's Lodge, No. 579, R. E., St. John, Nfld, installed by Past Master Monroe, assisted by Past Master Geddes, Dec 27: W M, H Cook; S W, E W Lyon; J W, J F Lash; Treas, H D Carter; Sec, J Jeans; S D, S Clift; J D, S J Boone; Stewards, A G Warren, R Pearce; I G, C D Garland, Tyler, H Earle.

Morris Lodge, Manitoba.—Dr McTavish, W M; C A Skeffington, SW; J C Kennedy, J W; James Hooper (formerly of London), Sec; C Orton, Treas.

FOLLOWING are the officers of Victoria Chapter, No. 37, R. A. M., for the ensuing year, viz:—

- I. P. Z.—E. Comp. J. B. Trayes.
- Z.—E. Comp. James Evans.
- H.—R. E. Comp. Chas. Doebler.
- J.—E. Comp. B. D. Deering.
- Treasurer—Comp. T. F. Janes.
- S. E.—Comp. W. B. Wallace.
- S. N.—Comp. E. Budge.
- P. S.—Comp. G. B. Salter.
- Janitor—Comp. Geo. Reading.

Masonic Gems.

Grand Master Byrne, Indian Territory: "In some localities the slanderer has run his head above his fellows, and wriggled his poisonous tongue like a snake in the grass. There is only one way to deal with these snakes: * * If in the shape of Masons turn them out. Better burn the Lodges and run away by the light of the fire than be smothered and destroyed by a nest of slanderers and drunkards. * * The question of intemperance is becoming a vital one. * * What right has a drunkard, gambler or slanderer in the Masonic Lodge-room, or to be a Mason under any circumstances? No Mason should be permitted to bear the name who will use intoxicating liquors to excess, or who will gamble, or slander his neighbor. How would a snake look clothed in purple and gold?

Grand Master Hinche, of Idaho, says: "There are charities beautiful and holy, but they are only as the flower to the fruit. The flower may be very beautiful and fragrant, but if it be not followed by fruit, its beauty and fragrance will be forgotten. Sympathy may soothe mental distress, but it will not clothe a naked body. A smile may encourage the weary one, but it will not lighten the burden. Prayer is holy, but it will not still the cry of hunger. The purse is needed, with sympathy, with the smile and with prayer. Be ye clothed and be ye fed, have never yet been realized as effective, without the presence of food and raiment. While we pour the oil of consolation into the broken heart, let us see that the meal barrel is not empty, and when we offer sympathy to the unfortunate, let us see to it that the misfortune is mended. Nor is spasmodic charity, Masonic charity—that which Masonry inculcates, is as continuous as the necessity for relief. Gifts and relief should not be without discretion, and an open hand should only be extended when the eye beholds virtue and merit coupled with want.

Theodore S. Parvin, in the obituary page in proceedings of Grand Lodge of Iowa, to his father, after extolling his energy, his virtue, his honor and his truth, refers in the following words to a damnable doctrine: "A Masonic veteran was Josiah Parvin, who in his old age and honest poverty, was denied the privilege of 'Masonic burial,' by a third and fourth generation who knew him not, because 'unaffiliated;' he loved the institution dearly, but left his curse to rest upon a damnable law which degrades the poor man and makes affiliation the sole test of worth and merit."

LET every brother who advocates suspension for non-payment of dues, read the following from the address of Grand Master French of Mississippi in 1881. It is simply brutal. "In