

ever remain so, until the chapter warrants issued by Canada to work within Victorian territory are withdrawn.

At the last meeting of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, it was decided to send a circular to all the lodges in Scotland asking the following questions: (1) Does your Lodge meet in premises licensed for the sale of excisable liquors? (2) Could premises other than licensed, be obtained without serious difficulty? (3) What fees are charged for initiation? From this it would appear as if the Scottish brethren were going to follow the example of the Craft on this side of the water and meet in regular lodge rooms.

The Lord Mayor of London is at the present time a very prominent figure in English Freemasonry. A short time ago he was installed as Worshipful Master of Drury Lane Lodge, No. 2127, at the Mansion House or Lord Mayor's residence by a special dispensation from the Grand Master. It was the occasion of a very brilliant gathering of the Craft. A few nights previous he was presented with a past-master Jewel by Izrael Lodge. He presided at the meeting of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and he makes it his business generally to steal a few hours from the round of official duties to visit some Masonic Lodge. As a consequence he is looked upon as the most popular Lord Mayor the city has had for years, and the press and public are loud in his praises.

Bro. Jacob Norton of Boston, styled by the *Masonic Home Journal*, a pessimist, and an non-affiliated for forty years, with an itch for scribbling, has been airing his opinions on the Grand

Orient of France and ancient history in the *Masonic Review*. Briefly told, the position of English and Scotch Masons towards the Grand Orient of France is this: A member of the Orient of France can be admitted as a visitor provided he pledges his word that a belief in the existence of T. G. A. O. T. U. is a fundamental principle of the order, but English and Scottish Masons, may visit Grand Orient Lodges with impunity. In Canada we have seen members of Grand Orient Lodges refused admission on any terms because the master did not understand anything about the situation. How many masters are there in this city now who know how we stand with the Grand Orient of France? There are very few, we will venture to say.

A brother who takes more than an ordinary interest in Masonry, sometime ago found fault with a paragraph in THE CRAFTSMAN. Quite recently he expressed the opinion, while renewing his subscription, that it was more satisfactory to read an independent publication than one that pandered to those in office or who were seeking office. We are constantly receiving evidences of the growing popularity of THE CRAFTSMAN, which is solely attributable to the stand it has taken on all matters of general benefit to the Craft. We have no axes to grind, and neither seek preferment ourselves nor endeavour to force unsuitable brethren into positions that nature never intended them to occupy. We can afford to labour honestly in our own way for the welfare of the Craft, and if our views do not meet with the approval of the brethren they alone are to blame, and they must become their own burden bearers.