

compasses, etc., and this was the result: 17 public-house keepers, 1 pipe-manufacturer, 1 tinsmith, 1 fruiterer, 1 china merchant, and a dancing master." Yet, when the matter was brought up in the Grand Lodge of Scotland, extraordinary to relate, the motion was lost by ninety-nine to sixty-five.

Bro. Morton is "going very lively" in the *Freemason's Chronicle*, (London) for the A. & A. Rite. He tells an anecdote of how, formerly, a number of candidates dressed in white robes, were led round the room by a Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret, dressed in fantastic style, with high jack boots strapped up to his waist, and then, "in a trice having twenty-nine degrees injected into them." It was rather a terror.

Bro. the Lord Mayor, Grand Junior Warden, will entertain his brother Grand Officers for the year, and the members of the Grand Master's Lodge, No. 1, of which he is now Worshipful Master, and other Masonic guests, at the Mansion House, on Friday, the 20th October. Bro. Sir Francis Wyatt Truscott gave a similar entertainment during his mayoralty, when he was Grand Junior Warden. On that occasion the Prince of Wales was the principal guest of the evening.—*London Freemason*.

The Cincinnati *Commercial* says: "According to the latest investigations, the French Lodge that lately shook the foundations of the Craft to the centre by initiating a woman in due and ancient form, was not under either the Grand Orient or the Supreme Council, but was one of those

peculiar associations which hang like barnacles on the Masonic chain of sunny France. The affrighted bachelor brothers of America can therefore reassume their wonted equipoise."

Bro. S. W. E. Beckner, editor of the *Corner-Stone* has stepped down and out from *les hautes grades*, pokes fun at the Templar parades, ridicules the pilgrimages of the Sir Knights, laughs at their parades and dares to tell his readers that "Bro. Findel, of Saxony, the acknowledged authority upon Masonic history, declares the Negro Grand Lodge of Massachusetts to have been lawfully constituted by Prince Hall, while the White Grand Lodge, constituted by Henry Price, was decidedly not." Go on, Bro. Beckner, but don't hurt the Palm and Shell, or damage the "Mystic Shrine" on which rests the Book of the Prophet, whose coffin is somewhere in the clouds between Mecca and Paradise.

The Ancient and Primitive Rite is spreading in all parts of the globe. We learn from *Kneph* that it has recently been introduced into India by V. Ill. Bro. M. V. Partman, 32°, and that several native brethren have already taken the degrees—the first three being Ill. Bro. Prosomno Coomar Dutt, 32°, Ill. Bro. Heerjeelihoy Rustomijee, 31°, and Ill. Bro. Antoine Louis Le Franc, 31°, who have been entrusted with a dispensation for work in Calcutta. Egyptian Masonry is thus spreading to the land that may truly be called the birth place of Masonry.

Some Irish brethren are anxious to crush out the Memphis Rite in that