

plying anxiety, lest they may have been erased since you examined them last. I saw you read several times over your *Agenda-paper*, on which the Secretary, by previous order, had noted the head of business to come up.

When the clock began to strike you began to tie on your apron. At the sixth blow you invested your breast with the square. At the seventh you put on your hat, and ere the echo had ceased I heard your gavel fall lightly it seemed, yet loud enough that the bruit thereof penetrated every ear.

The subsequent proceedings were perfect illustrations of Masonic order and discipline. "Within the space of one minute," for I timed it myself, "the lodge was in perfect order and silence, prepared for the opening." All through the two hours everything moved harmoniously. You showed the true spirit of a Worshipful Master, firm, but not tyrannical. De-

cided, but not dictatorial. Nay, you even made one mistake in your ruling, proving you are but human; but then, when the error was pointed out to you by a venerable member, you confessed the mistake, reversed the ruling, and in the most manly style apologized to the Lodge for the same. This is a thing I never saw before, but once, in all my Masonic experience.

We are both too sleepy to go further into this matter to-night. But if, in your dreams, you enjoy the retrospect of good deeds done, you will have to-night visions whose spirit will follow you through days and years. The satisfaction of faithful duties performed will animate you all your life, and when you pass to that last bed which is open to all, surviving craftsmen will mingle with their tears and sighs the expression, "He has done what he could."—*Masonic Journal*.

MASONIC CLIPPINGS.

Signor Blitz, the world-renowned juggler, who died recently in Philadelphia, was a Mason, and was buried with masonic honors.

British Columbians are striving hard to meet the non-affiliation difficulty. The G. M. has called attention to the need of a Grand Lodge Library.

Masonry is intended to elevate the character of man, and he who uses it for his own purposes is not a Mason at heart, no matter how many titles he may have.

Let us instruct ourselves and instruct others. That is the right way; that is our relation, always present and always increasing.—*Bro. Littré, of France*.

Masonry is progressing favorably in New Zealand. The day is not far

distant when a separate Jurisdiction will be established for the brethren in that part of the world.

The Swedish rite consists of nine degrees. They are divided into three groups: The first three degrees consists of Blue Masonry; the remaining six are more or less devoted to various kinds of Knighthood.—*Bro. Jacob Norton*.

The original form of girding a sword upon the candidate and putting golden spurs upon him has long been superseded by the present practice of the accolade or sword stroke on the neck or shoulder; this, I suspect, arose out of the practice of Commanders promoting esquires to knighthood, on the battle-field.—*Dr. R. Shelton Mackenzie*.