

relations on the part of England with Canada, are matters of record.

England claims that if at some time a Preceptory had been established at some point and been defunct for years, such territory could be claimed as occupied. This of course cannot be admitted, and besides, "what is sauce for the goose is sauce for the gander." The methods by which she has attempted to ride over Canada in instituting bodies there in spite of the fact that the territory is already occupied, is re-acting on her. The Grand Mark Master's Lodge of England planted lodges and a Grand Lodge on Canadian soil although there was already existing a universally acknowledged Grand Chapter. When the Grand Chapter, after vainly trying various methods to induce England to retract, proclaimed non-intercourse, English sympathizers complained. If the action of the Great Priory of Canada brings our English brethren to a sense of justice and equity, the lesson will not be regretted. Action has been taken for the formation of a Great Priory, and Sir David Munro has been elected Grand Master.—*The Trestle Board*.

SALOON-KEEPING MASONS.

Bro. J. Soule Smith, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, has delivered himself on the now celebrated "Saloon Keepers' Resolution," as recent legislation by that Grand body has been styled. In 1886 that Grand Lodge passed the following:

"WHEREAS, The use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage is the greatest detriment to the growth and prosperity of the Masonic fraternity:

"Resolved, That the business of saloon-keeping or selling as a beverage intoxicating liquors by the drink be deemed a Masonic offence and punishable as other offences against Masonry."

Bro. Smith claims that as this resolution was adopted without complying with our constitution, which lays down the rule that no amendments to it can be introduced without giving one year's notice, it is unconstitutional and void. Bro. Smith, in his promulgation, is emphatic regarding Masonic landmarks being closely adhered to. Without expressing an opinion regarding the advisability of passing such a resolu-

tion, we commend Bro. Smith for the stand he has taken. His duty was plain, and he discharged it faithfully. The wishes of the members of his grand body, illegally expressed, and that by a good majority, were very properly ignored. Had he done otherwise he would have been a mere time-server, whereas his adherence to the law, and his determination to see it regarded, stamps him as a worthy ruler.

PEDESTAL, in architecture is the lowest part of a column, the base of the shaft. In Freemasonry the word is applied to the desks of the W. M. and the two Wardens, which are all supposed to represent the pedestal of the columns of Wisdom, Strength and Beauty—or the three columns, the Ionic, the Doric, and the Corinthian. Sometimes, as a "part" is taken for the whole, the word is applied to the columns of the two Wardens.—*Freemason's Repository*.

The Covington (Ky.) *Star* says:—"A certain married lady in our town sat up until twelve o'clock one night last week waiting for her husband to come from the lodge. At last, weary and worn out with her long waiting, she went to her sleeping-room to retire, and there found the missing husband, sound asleep. Instead of going to the lodge he had gone to his room and had never left the house. Such are the troubles some poor married women have to contend with in this life."

How many a wife would like to have just one peep into the Lodge which her husband goes to, and see what he is really "up to" there. How many a woman wonders why she cannot be let into all the secrets of the Craft. Her husband promised her to be a comrade for life, and he has kept his word in every other particular but this. When he has been worried, he has let her share his cares; when he has lost money he has allowed her to go without new hats and sealskin jackets; when he has been lucky he has made himself happy for her sake; when he has felt that he would worry her by stopping at home, he has gone to his club; she has opened his letters, and he has only complained formerly; he has confided to her all his plans, when he has felt she ought to know them, but this secret of Freemasonry he keeps to himself. Why?