

in any sense reliable. They confuse, and lead to innovations and novelties.

We are in receipt of the proceedings of the formation of the Grand Chapter of Dakota, and heartily welcome her in the sisterhood of Grand Chapters. But why, Companions, refuse to admit into your mysteries a Master Mason good and true, who has lost an arm in "defending your hearths and homes," or an eye in alleviating the pains of suffering humanity? We detest this physical qualification test in all instances; but it is entirely out of place in Capitular Masonry. Fourteen Chapters on the roll. M. E. Comp. W. Blatt, Yankton, Grand High Priest; and R. E. Comp. T. J. Wilber, Casselton, Grand Secretary. One good point, no mileage or per diem was granted. Grand Chapter holds first annual convocation at Fargo, on the 18th prox.

THE *International Masonic Review* has issued a second number, and has apparently become the organ of the "so-called" Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter of Ontario, being highly endorsed by the executive heads of both bodies. We regret to notice that it has already forgotten all Masonic principle and etiquette by applying approbrious epithets to the proprietor of THE CRAFTSMAN, and falsely asserting that another prominent brother in Canada has been expelled from a certain high grade body in the neighboring republic. Such tactics are unworthy of our steel, and in future, unless a change comes "o'er the spirit of its dream," we shall content ourselves by leaving it severely alone. Billingsgate and falsehood are not Masonic, and we must therefore decline to enter the contest.

We understand the Masons of Gravenhurst desire a lodge, and that a petition has been signed by twenty-five, praying for a Dispensation for "Golden Rule Lodge" for that town, with Bro. Irving, as first Worshipful

Master; Bro. Mienardus, as first Senior Warden, and Bro. Cornell, M. D., as first Junior Warden. The material already in, is excellent, and there are plenty of good ashlar in the neighborhood. The lodge, we understand, is to be conducted on strictly teetotal, or, rather, total abstinence principles. No intoxicating beverages are to be permitted at refreshment. We wish Golden Rule every success.

In the list of officers in some English Lodges, we find Bro. ———, W. S. The very dignified officer is somewhat in the position of a "butler," the aforesaid letters being the initials for *Wine Steward*. How Masonic!

INTERVIEW WITH ALBERT PIKE.—Ed. F.—Ill. Bro. Pike, who are the most fanatical? Albert P.—Those are fanatical who know least of the evidences on which their creed is based. Ed. F.—Has a man the moral right to condemn another for his belief? A. P.—Man never had a right to usurp the unexercised prerogative of God, and condemn and punish another for his belief. No man is entitled positively to assert that he is right, where other men equally intelligent and equally well-informed hold opposite opinion. Ed. F.—But both believe they are right. A. P.—Each thinks it is impossible for the other to be sincere, and each, as to that, is equally in error. Ed. F.—Does Masonry teach belief in God? A. P.—Masonry wisely requires no more than a belief in One Great All-powerful Deity, the Father and Preserver of the Universe. Ed. F.—Of course that refers to the religious belief required. But what does it teach touching toleration? A. P.—She teaches her votaries that toleration is one of the chief duties of every good Mason, a component part of that charity without which we are mere hollow images of true Masons, mere sounding brass and tinkling cymbals.