

The Grand Master of Arkansas recommends the publication of a Masonic periodical. He commences the paragraph in connection with the subject by saying:—"Old fogysm is fast dying out, and our people are waking up from their Rip Van Winkle sleep, and looking with astonishment upon the wonderful changes around them," etc.

Washington's Masonic Cave is situated near Charleston, Va., a few miles from Winchester, where Washington's headquarters were held for two years. It is divided into several apartments, one of which is called the lodge-room. Tradition says that Washington and his Masonic brethren opened a lodge in this cavern. In the spring of 1844 the Freemasons of that vicinity held a celebration there to commemorate the event.

Sir Knight Gurney, of Chicago, pays the following tribute to "our noble Queen":—"Victoria is the mother of a Grand Master, the mother of a family of Masons; and one of the brightest, most exemplary jewels that ever graced the diadem of royalty. She is an honor to our English brethren, an honor to her sex, and when the time comes that she must go up higher, humanity will weep, civilization mourn, though angels rejoice in the brighter crown of her immortality."

As a rule Masons appear to take little interest in supporting journals that devote themselves to the interest of the craft. We frequently hear from brethren that they are too much engaged to find time for reading about Freemasonry; to many of these we return answer, the loss is yours. All men who take an interest in any society they are associated with should be able to give some account of what is being done by that society. Masonic journals conducted on broad and sound lines are worthy the support of the members of the craft.—*Freemasons' Chronicle, Sydney.*

From Iowa comes the following:—"A Master of one of the oldest and largest of the lodges called to inquire how he could get rid of a lot of their non-paying, non-attending members, remarked, 'at an early day the lodge was hard up for means of support; to get money it took every applicant, and so a lot of scalawags got in, and they have been eye sores ever since.' Brother P. says this is an exact photograph of many a lodge of age, and many new lodges do but follow in their footsteps. Further this deponent saith not."

Frederick the Great's alleged letter of February 17, 1778, concerning Freemasonry (which was copied in our issue of October 20th ult.), Bro. J. G. Findel, of Leipsic, Germany, a very competent Masonic critic, pronounces to be without authority and a "humbug." The only reason we have for questioning this assertion is the fact that it is endorsed by Bro. Jacob Norton, the Masonic iconoclast. What Bro. Norton denies, it is often safe to believe in. His heart is all right, but his head runs away with his heart very often, and then follows "the wreck of matter and the crush of worlds."—*Keystone.*

DISAFFECTION.—A growing disposition to set aside the fealty of Templars to the Grand Encampment of the United States seems to crop out here and there, at spasmodic periods, with a vivacity and piquancy that speaks plainly the fact "that if a change of front does not take place within the next ten years on the part of that Grand Body, a revolution will inevitably follow the refusal to reform." The general tone of the addresses of the Grand Commanders and the reports of Committees on Correspondence indicates a desire that the triennial conclaves of the Grand Encampment shall hereafter be divested of the showy parades and the general uselessness which has of late years characterized them.