

character. (2.) That W. M's, before closing their lodges, should call off for, say half-an-hour, to allow of refreshments being partaken; then resume, and close the lodge in the ordinary manner. (3.) That whether the lodge call off to partake of refreshments, or whether the W. M. has closed the lodge, the time for refreshments should not exceed half-an-hour. (4.) That upon regular lodge nights the W. M's of lodges be asked to refrain from proposing toasts, except upon the occasion of an 'official visit,' or in the case of 'The Entered Apprentice.'—I remain, etc., WILLIAM DEANER, M. D., Chairman of Committee."

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### Correspondence.

*We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions of our Correspondents.*

To the Editor of THE CRAFTSMAN.

R. W. SIR AND BRO.—In reading the remarks, *in re* Quebec, of R. W. Bro. Hammond, Foreign Correspondent of the Grand Lodge of Nevada, in a recent number of the CRAFTSMAN, I notice his allusion to the report of the Chairman of the Board of Foreign Correspondence of the G. L. of Quebec, W. Bro. J. Fred Walker. I have been fortunate enough to obtain a copy of its last G. L. Proceedings, and really must congratulate Quebec upon the issue of such an able report. Its form is decidedly original; instead of merely acknowledging the receipt of printed proceedings of the respective Grand Lodges, as is usually done, Bro. Walker arranges the various decisions of Grand Masters on the subject under which they are placed. Thus, under the head of "Physical Disqualifications," we find the G. M.s of New Jersey and Mississippi decided that the loss of one eye does not disqualify, while those of both Michigan and Nebraska re-

fused to sanction initiations in similar instances, to which Bro. Walker facetiously adds the suggestion that "to go further than this is on a par with objecting to a candidate because he had *golden hair* or a *metallic ring* in his voice."

Some very interesting matter appears under "Rejected Material," "Masonic Burial," "Exclusive G. L. Jurisdiction," etc., which, together with some pointed criticisms, form a most valuable digest of all important acts which have transpired in every American and Canadian Grand Lodge during the year, which, as a reference, becomes at once valuable to the E. A. as to the G. M., and which the brethren of Quebec will doubtless have duly appreciated.

Fraternally Yours,

F. C.

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### MASONIC ITEMS.

The Grand Lodge of Florida awards premiums for the best and neatest returns sent to the Grand Lodge. Fernandina Lodge bore off the highest prize.

The Order in Arkansas is in a most flourishing condition. We learn from the *Voice of Masonry* that eight chapters have been instituted in that State since January 1, 1882.

The Grand Lodge of England has recently revised its Book of Constitutions. The last previous edition was that of 1873. The new revision gives general satisfaction.

We have received information from DuBois, Clearfield county, that one Charles R. Robertson has been in this state imposing upon the Brethren, by professing to be a Mason, and member of St. John's Lodge, No. 1, Hartford, Conn. There is no such lodge in Hartford, or Connecticut, but there is a St. John's Lodge, No. 4, in Hartford, but they have no member by the name of Charles R. Robertson, and there never has been. He has disappeared from DuBois.—*Keystone*