

known who were his benefactors, he might have made a trumpet of it, and nothing is more abominable to us than to have our acts paraded before those who are in darkness. "Therefore when thou doest thine aims, do not sound a trumpet before thee." "Take heed that ye do not of your aims before men to be seen of them."

Let those who are in darkness seek the light, for the light is the paramount. The unrighteous prefer darkness to light,—the righteous love light, for betwixt the triangular light shines that great light, our Cornerstone; on it we have built our temple on earth, and by following its dictates, with the aid of the plumb, level, square and trowel to spread the cement of Brotherly Love, we hope to enter that spiritual temple not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

Palmerston.

BLAIR LODGE, A. F. AND A. M., NO. 314, G. R. C.

At the regular meeting of this Lodge, held on Friday, Dec. 13th, at 4 o'clock p.m., R. W. Bro. McDonald, the D.D.G.M. for the Wellington District, paid his official visit and installed the following officers for the ensuing year:—

I. P. M.—W. Bro. A. B. Munson.

W. M.—W. Bro. H. Hyndman.

S. W.—Bro. Jno. Grocie.

J. W.—Bro. P. Marion.

Treas.—W. Bro. A. Stewart, M.D.

Secretary—Bro. Chas. Milne.

Chaplain—Bro. Rev. D. W. Cameron.

Deacons—Bros. D. J. Marion and R. Johnston.

Stewards—Bros. J. McHutt and A. Hobson.

I. G.—Bro. Jas. Shea.

Tyler—Bro. Jas. Allan.

At half-past 8 o'clock, p.m., the brethren with their ladies, and several visiting brethren residing in Palmerston, who had been invited, in all about 40 couples, assembled in the Town Hall, and partook of an excellent supper, served by Bro. J. Gracie. After the cloth had been removed the chairman, W. Bro. H. Hyndman, gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, which were duly honored and responded to during the evening; several songs were well sung by Bros. Bridgies, Kerr, Shea, Gracie, and W. Bro. Hyndman, and after sound and sentiment were exhausted the J. W. was called on for his toast which was given, "Happy to meet,

sorry to part, and happy to meet again." After the tables had been cleared away, a large number of the brethren availed themselves of the opportunity of tripping it on the light fantastic toe, which was done and kept up till an early hour, when all separated highly pleased with the evening's entertainment, which was one of the finest gatherings of the kind we have ever had the pleasure of witnessing in this section of the country.

The brethren of this Lodge also attended Divine service on Sunday, the 29th, when a very able discourse was delivered by our Worthy Chaplain, Rev. D. W. Cameron, which was listened to with marked attention. A collection was taken up at the close, in aid of the Benevolent fund. The brethren then returned to their Lodge room, when a vote of thanks was tendered to their Worthy Chaplain for his services.

Palmerston, Dec. 30th, 1878.

Jurisprudence.

QUERY.—In ascertaining the extent of the jurisdiction of a Lodge, is it proper to measure from the candidate's residence to the room in which the Lodge usually meets or to the limits of the city, town, or village in which the Lodge is held?

ANSWER.—We consider that the limits of the city, town, or village have nothing to do with the question of jurisdiction. The distance should be measured to the Lodge room irrespective of the corporation limits, and Grand Lodge has decided that it must be in a direct or air line.

Q.—Can a charge be preferred against a brother who has been suspended for non-payment of dues, with the object of having him expelled for unmasonic conduct?

A.—Yes. The suspension for non-payment of dues is no bar to the prosecution on a charge of unmasonic conduct. A charge can be preferred and the brother summoned in the usual way. He must be allowed liberty to attend when the evidence is being taken; and he is entitled to enter the Lodge to defend himself at his trial. The other proceedings will be as in ordinary cases.

Q.—At the general election of officers of B—— Lodge, Bro. B. was elected Chaplain, and Bro. C. was elected Secretary. At the installation on the 27th ult., Bro. C. resigned his position as Secretary, after the minutes were confirmed, and the W. M.