

lawyers had contended that the Supreme Secretary, in receiving the money forwarded by the Financial Secretary of the Local Court, had waived any irregularities. The Judges say on this point: "It was shown clearly that the Secretary of the Supreme Court had no intention of receiving the money as from a member in good standing, and of waiving any irregularities, but on the contrary, had put the money to a special suspense account; and further, it was not shown that the Supreme Secretary had any authority to waive any irregularities by receipt of the money." The Court declined to allow any costs to the Executive Council, on the ground that the plaintiff had been misled by the action of the Local Court and of the Financial Secretary. The penalty the Order is called on to pay, therefore, for the ignorance of our Constitution and Laws, on the part of the officers of the Local Court, is the payment of our own costs in defending the action. We cannot say that the Judges were wrong in making us pay that penalty. Perhaps we can more readily recognize the justice of this part of the sentence, because of the probability that we would, in any event, have had to pay our own costs. But it teaches all our officers the importance of being posted on the laws they are called on to administer.

In the reports in the public press by mistake it was said the Judges had refused costs to the I. O. F. by reason of the action of the Supreme Secretary. This was an error. It was by reason of the actions of the Financial Secretary. The action of the Supreme Secretary in the case throughout gave strength to our case, and contributed in no small degree to our victory.

Notes.

The Supreme Chief Ranger has appointed Brothers F. Madill, M.P.; W. S. Milne, Toronto; R. Meek, Kingston; and J. W. Berkell, of Rochester, to be Deputy Supreme Chief Rangers.

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Don't forget that after 20th Feb. inst. all letters intended for the Supreme Secretary or for the Supreme Chief Ranger should be addressed "Toronto, Canada," and that all remittances should be by Bank Draft or Postoffice Money Order, and made payable to THE MANAGER OF THE BANK OF TORONTO, AT TORONTO.

Deputy Supreme Chief Rangers.

Brother R. Mathison, Supt. Deaf and Dumb Institute, Belleville.

Brother Geo. Dickenson, M.P., Manotick.

Brother Rev. S. G. Stone, D.D., Toronto.

Brother J. Jamieson, M.P., Almonte.

Brother Theron B. Clark, Elizabeth, N. J.

Brother W. F. Patterson, Q.C., Port Perry.

Brother A. McKay, M.P., Hamilton.

Brother G. A. Harper, Cleveland, Ohio.

Brother D. Rose, of Hunter, Rose & Co., Toronto.

Brother R. Meek, Editor of *Whig*, Kingston.

Brother W. S. Milne, Toronto.

Brother J. W. Berkell, Rochester.

He was a Radical and a Bradlaughite airing his views to an afflicted carriage full of people between Nottingham and Birmingham. At last he addressed a quiet-looking parson by saying, "I should like to know what you have got to say about that story in your Bible, where Balaam's ass speaks? I suppose you believe it?" "Since you ask me," quietly replied the parson, "I will tell you that I have no doubt in those days it was a very wonderful thing to hear an ass speak. Now you can't travel ten miles without hearing one."

A young wife persuaded her husband to buy a perambulator for the son and heir, age two. Meeting in the city Saturday noon they adjourned to the largest manufacturer, and soon came to a decision. Placing the precious burden in the carriage they started for home. Every one they passed seemed highly amused, and few could refrain from hearty laughter. The wife, thinking everything was not correct, stepped in front of the carriage, and saw to her dismay and grief they had omitted to take the manufacturer's ticket off—"Our own make."

In the time of Louis IX. it was the custom to select one of the wittiest and cleverest men of France to act as fool, to amuse the King at court. One day the King said to his fool: "Jules, let us exchange; you will be king, and I will act as fool." Jules looked down and made no reply. The King continuing said: "Jules, you don't seem pleased. Would you not like to be king?" "I should very much, indeed," replied Jules, "but I should be very sorry to be embarrassed with such a fool as you."