

Master Henderson, to have actually allowed a committee composed of the members of the Mystic Tie to wait upon him at his residence and, *before his family*, present him on behalf of Grand Lodge with a very handsome testimonial. Why, according to the *Keystone*, the thing was outrageous. And we suppose, viewing the matter from the same light, Grand Master Spry is lamentably to blame in attending the reunion at Hamilton on St. John's Day, where he was actually seen to shake hands with a number of ladies, and perhaps actually slyly paid compliments to some of those fair daughters of Eve who thronged and buzzed about his richly decorated person. Alas! in Canada we are sadly neglecting our obligations, when we can smile at such a serious infraction of the landmarks as that of permitting a woman to attend a reunion or social festival in a Masonic hall, or permit one to dazzle her eyes with the sight of Masonic jewelry or Masonic regalia.

But, joking aside, Brother *Keystone*, tell us what wrong there is in it. On "the other side" you are always having your Templar Parades and Templar pilgrimages. We do not object, though *we think* it rather objectionable to be so constantly imitating the home militia with cock hats, plumes, swords and banners, and flaunting the sacred symbols in the eyes of the populace for the admiration of the *gamin* and nursery maid.

Again, if it is wrong, which we emphatically deny, to allow our mothers and sisters and daughters to join us in our social gatherings, we must also say it is very wrong to permit them to contribute to our bazaars,

to present our lodges with bibles, and our preceptories with banners. We not only say that this system is not wrong, but think we should encourage the idea of interesting those near and dear to us in the heaven inspired doctrines of the Masonic fraternity.

MIXED FUNERALS.

On the 27th ult., the remains of the late Mr. J. B. Hall, of Barthurst street, were laid at rest in the quiet churchyard near Bolton village. For a number of years after removing to this city, Mr. Hall was caretaker of Occident Hall, and was identified with the Masonic and Orange Bodies. Ill-health rendered it necessary for him to resign his position in Occident Hall about a year ago. Deceased was a member of Occident Lodge A. F. A. M., and L. O. L. No. 479, and was at one time Tyler in both lodges. Shortly before eleven o'clock a large number of the Masonic and Orange Fraternities assembled to pay the last tribute of respect to their deceased brother. A service was conducted at the house by Rev. Mr. Williams, of St. John's, after which the remains, accompanied by the brethren, were removed to Parkdale and placed on board a special Toronto, Gray and Bruce train, which started shortly before one o'clock for Bolton village. The remains were interred in the Church of England burying ground there. The Masonic service at the grave was conducted by Dr. Pollard, W. M. of Occident Lodge, and the Orange by Mr. W. Chinnery, Master of L. O. L. 479. Amongst those present at the obsequies were Past District Master ex-Ald. Bell, Past Master Boyd, L. O. L. 342, and Deputy Master Nesbit, also Messrs. Cox, Perry, Hughs and Baker, of the Masonic order. Deceased leaves a wife and grown up family to mourn his loss.—*Toronto Mail*.

We observe that, though there is an edict of the Grand Lodge in which "It is declared an impropriety, of allowing other societies to take part in the conduct of Masonic funerals" (see G. L. Pro. 1874, p. 655) it is carried out in but few instances. This is not as it should be, as the practice leads to ill-feeling in some instances not easily overcome. In the "Resolutions and Rulings" of