

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, having granted a warrant for a lodge in connection with the National Artillery, to be called the National Artillery Lodge, the consecration will be performed on Wednesday, January 15th. Bro. Lieut.-Col. J. T. Ritchie, R.A., will be the first W.M.

Masonry is strictly prohibited in Austria and her provinces (the so-called hereditary countries). There exist no lodges there. On the other hand, Masonry is permitted and lawfully exists in Hungary, which is a separate State with an independent government, parliament, etc.; also a separate citizenship (nobody can be at same time an Austrian and Hungarian citizen, but only either the one or the other quite as in the case of two foreign States.) There exists a Grand Lodge of Hungary at Budapest with subordinate lodges. Individual Austrian citizens who occasionally may be Masons, form lodges under the Grand Lodge of Hungary and they can meet in regular order, working only on Hungarian soil. It is, of course, a singular fact, that in two States ruled by the same sovereign, and which are connected with each other by many ties—though wholly independent in politics and many other respects—Masonry is prohibited in one and permitted in the other.—LAD. DE MALCZOVICH.

Budapest, Hungary.

—*Scottish Freemason.*

We see a local paper referring to the fact that one of the candidates seeking election to the District Council is "a member of the Craft, and will be thankful for any assistance that brother members can give him." We do not approve of such an association of Freemasonry with outside affairs, and hope the reference is rather the result of excessive enthusiasm on the part of an admirer of the candidate, than a direct attempt on his part to make use of Freemasonry in his endeavors to secure the position. While there may not be anything absolutely wrong in mentioning that candidates or members of

District Councils are members of the Craft no good is likely to arise from such a course.—*Freemason's Chronicle.*

The question of whether Burns was or was not Poet Laureate of Cannon-gate Kilwinning has been much discussed of late in Grand Lodge and out of it, and some warm feelings have been evolved in the discussion. So far as Grand Lodge is concerned, the question may be held to be settled, though the verdict savours much of a "not proven" nature, the decision being that they see no cause why the inscription on the picture should be altered.—*Scottish Freemason.*

From the report of Masonry in Malta a note is gathered relating to the Institution among the Moors in Tunis, showing that Masonry has about died out there, and is a thing of the past not likely to be again revived, and a good thing, too. It consisted of a miscellaneous lot of people of all countries—English, French, Italians, Greeks, Tunisians, Arabs and a sprinkling of Jews. As French influence increased here the English left, and it is believed there is only one English Mason left at Tunis. All the warrants of the craft lodges, R.A. Chapter and Mark Lodges have been withdrawn and cancelled.—*Ex.*

The latest thing in home-grown lotteries emanates from a Masonic source, and is designed "to liquidate the debt on Mother Kilwinning Lodge Buildings," at Glasgow. Mother Kilwinning, whoever she may be, seems to have taken a leaf from the book—a lottery-book in this case—of Mother Church. It hardly seems in keeping with the honourable traditions of Masonry that a lodge should be circulating among the general public invitations to take part in an illegal gamble of this kind, with a long string of exalted personages as "patrons," and Brothers This and That as managers of the enterprise; and I should hope that a hint of what is going on will lead the bigwigs of the Craft to interfere. If