

month, and I trust may find many readers.

I may add, dear Sir and Brother, that our Scotch lodges, although far older than any in Germany, might learn a great deal from the latter, particularly in matter of decorum. Evening dress and *white gloves* are compulsory at all communications. Of course, as you know, they all work with their hats on, and the Lodge Globus when I visited it, was beautifully decorated with flowers and exotics round the dais of the W.M. I found the S.W. and J.W. sitting in chairs opposite the M. chair, between them the altar in front of the chair, and then three great candelabras, each holding a huge wax candle. The three candelabras were lit by the W.M., S.W., and J.W., and each pronounced a different blessing on lighting it, and also when extinguishing it, after the lodge was closed.

Altogether it was one of the most imposing, decorous, and beautiful ceremonies I ever had the pleasure to witness. The visitors were conducted into the presence of the chair, and introduced by the M.C. and a deputation of brethren with staves (12), and the music playing on their entrance.

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### TRUE TO MASONRY.

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The Lord Mayor of London, Bro. Rt. Hon. Polodore DeKeyser, Grand Steward and W. M. of Lodge No. 21, in the course of an address delivered recently in St. Dustan's Lodge, No. 1587, London, said :

He was glad to be present as their guest that evening, not only as a neighbor, not only as a friend, but as a Mason. He felt they owed a great deal to Masonry, and he personally had every reason to congratulate himself upon the fact that he was a Mason, and that there was so much of that true Masonic spirit in this country. Masonry was not a local institution ; it was not only English, but was universal. It was that which, some time or other, they hoped to rule by—a Brotherly feeling all over the world, a feeling which would tend to humanize and make the world what it should be. This great school, as he called Masonry, tended to develop that feeling of Brotherhood among nations, as well as in their social circles. If that sentiment had not exist-

ed in this country, he should not have had the honor of appearing before them. If Masonry had not taught and spread that feeling of general tolerance, they would not have elected one who was not born in this country. Therefore, he said he was glad to be present, for he owed a great deal to Masonry. At Stockport, where he was recently performing the ceremony of laying the foundation stone of that technical school which would do so much good in the future, he should never forget that which he saw for the first time, and when he had to say on that occasion, addressing something like 20,000 people—"Men, women, and children, we are here as lawful Masons ; we have our secrets, but they are not in any way opposed to the laws of God or the laws of man." Therein lay the true spirit of Masonry. Therein lay the reason why some twelve months ago, when he was called upon to give up that which he had been for so many years, he refused to do. He said, "No ; as a Mason, I practise nothing which is incompatible with the laws of God and the laws of man." He made up his mind to work as a Mason, and as soon as he had time to devote, he would devote it to Masonry. He would give as much time as he could, and his humble means would always be at the disposal of their Charities.

Bro. DeKeyser is a Roman Catholic, and the priestly dominations of the Roman Church is what he refers to when he says "he was called upon to give up Masonry," but "refused to do so."

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### THE TYLER.

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We have somewhere seen the statement that the word Tyler is given to that Masonic officer because he covers or seals in the lodge as if with tiles, closes it from the outside, the idea being also a Masonic one—he completes the Masonic building by tiling it, as roof covers in, protects and completes the house. It may seem strange, but it is nevertheless the fact that the two words "Tyler" and "detective" both come from the same root ; not that the word Tyler means a detective, though the Tyler detects imposters seeking admission. The prefix *de* prevents that interpretation. The word "detective" comes from the Latin root *tegere*, to cover—while *detegere* is to uncover or to detect. Tile comes from the same root *tegere*, but by way of the