

The Grand Lodge of Scotland is doing an immense amount of injury to the Craft all over the world by permitting the manufacture of Masons.—*Rough Ashlar.*

[The above statement is rather vague. Will our contemporary be pleased to explain? We know a great many very good Masons, among the Scotch, and as a class they are as good people as inherit the earth. We think we are of that race, although our ancestors left that country in 1630, and have lived continuously in America since that year, and we are naturally sensitive at any imputation against them.—*The Trestle Board.*]

Sir Knight Carson calls the Eastern Star "Petticoat Masonry." Sir Knight Hodson dissents and says the Eastern Star draws its inspiration from Masonry and is as orderly, as respectable and, as a rule, better behaved than the Order of the Temple. He rightly adds, "He ought to be ashamed to so refer to an organization participated in by many of the wives and daughters of the best Masons in our country."—*Voice of Masonry.*

The *Tyler* regrets to note the suspension of *The Rough Ashlar*, of Richmond, Va., which—as the note by us received states—died from inanition. It was an excellent publication and we shall sincerely miss its monthly visits. It is a little singular that the craft in Virginia would, by its indifference, permit such an able auxiliary to die on the battlefield for the want of support.

The *Constellation* notes the fact that the Grand Chapter of Missouri appointed a committee to prepare a burial service, and wishes to know how many funerals have been conducted by Royal Arch Chapters in the last five or ten years. The question seems entirely pertinent.

New Orleans includes in its constituent bodies Lodges working under the methods of Scottish Rite Masonry. Of these, one works in the vernacular, one in the Spanish tongue, one in Italian, two in the German language, and

three in the French. Our Scottish Rite Lodges are eminently popular in Masonic circles, and each communication is largely attended, not only by the individual members but the Craftsmen, who are always delighted to note the work. There is a dignity and importance attached to the Scottish Rite as elucidated by the foreign speaking Lodges that is exceptionally charming. Whether it is the foreign air and measures predominating or the deep interest taken in the work, our Scottish Rite Lodges are entitled to the palm. They are not alone active, but financially and numerically they are representative Masonic bodies.—*Square and Compass.*

FOREIGN.

The sons and grandsons of King Oscar of Sweden are members of the Craft, the King himself is hereditary Grand Master, or Vicar Salomanis.

The Prince of Wales, as Grand Master of English Freemasons, has constituted the Transvaal a separate Masonic district, and has appointed Brother George Richards, of Johannesburg, who for thirty years has held a leading position in that quarter, its first Master.

A new Masonic Hall was opened on Saturday, in Aberdeen, Bro. Forshaw, Prov. G. M., officiating. It is to Bro. Forshaw's efforts the members really owe their new premises, which became their absolute property in May.

The Grand Orient of Belgium, at Brussels, has seventeen St John's lodges.

Bro. Colonel Lambert has contributed the munificent sum of 100 guineas to the special fund being raised by the Middlesex Hospital, W., for the erection of additional accommodation for female cancer patients.

Talking of old Lodges, we had recently the pleasure of holding in our hand, if not the minute of the oldest Lodge, at least the oldest Lodge minute in existence, that of the Lodge of Edinburgh, dated 1698, and, notwithstanding