

It is decidedly better for lodges to have light refreshments in the ante-room than for brethren, after the lodge is closed, to adjourn to hotels and restaurants for soda water. This system of going to the bar and the billiard room after labor is to be condemned.

THE *Masonic Truth* is firing away at the Constitutions of 1786, &c. No one now believes they are true, and it seems almost ridiculous to refer to them. Surely, a constitution signed by Pike and Carson would be better than one with the *forged* signature "Fredericus."

A TORONTO contemporary is very uneasy regarding the appointments made by the Grand Master. Surely, it is to be expected that a few will be disappointed, and possibly, even one or two mistakes may have been made; but we believe the craft generally are well satisfied with the selection.

THE Grand Lodge of Canada should revoke its recognition of the Grand Orient of Italy, which is not only a mongrel Masonic organization, but a "pirate" of the first water. Its recent uncalled for invasion of the territorial jurisdictions of the Grand Lodges of Greece and Peru, prove its character. Wipe it off the list and let its Grand Representative return his commission.

HELD OVER.—A communication, referring to the publication of a ritual recently advertised by circular to the Secretaries of Lodges, making specific charges against a brother, who holds a prominent position in Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter, is held over for consideration. "P. M., Toronto," we think, should formulate his charge against the brother, either in the Lodge of which he is a member, or place it in the hands of the D. D. G. M., to deal with, or, better still, prefer the charge to the Grand Master direct. At present, we think it scarcely fair to publish the communication, as there is a possibility that the brother accused is—inno-cent! and we do not care to publish anything bearing the appearance of a personal attack, when the writer takes refuge behind a *nom de plume*. The proper place for the discussion of such matters as this is on the floor of Grand Lodge.

THE war of Rites, so far as Canada is concerned, seems to be over. They are now all pursuing the even tenor of their ways, without interfering with each other. Why should they? All these branches of Masonry are merely off-shoots from the parent stem, and are all equally legitimate.

IS IT not a shame that a widow of one of our most honored Past Grand Masters is obliged to raffle her late husband's watches, in order to pay off a chattel mortgage on her furniture? Surely, the Grand Lodge and Supreme Grand Council of Canada, over both of which he presided, should not allow this.

IN England Bro. Yarker has absorbed his Scottish Rite system into a species of Grand Orient. He claims to work the old Rite of Perfection, 25°, as well as the A. & A. S. R., 33°. His bodies receive their direct authority from those time immemorial ones over which the Duke of Sussex, G. M. of England, presided before the "union," in 1818, and more subsequently endorsed by Seymour, and finally recognized by the Supreme Grand Council of Canada and Newfoundland.

THE *New Zealand Craftsman*, is the latest candidate in the field for pressing Masonic honors, and from the appearance of No. 2 (No. 1 not having been received) we should say that it is well entitled to a first-class position in the ranks of the Masonic fourth estate. It is full of excellent editorial and selections, and evidently intends to favor the independence movement in the colony. We suggest that it should come out "strong" upon that point, as there are evidently several "skeletons" in the cupboards of the various "Grand" Lodges in those islands. Colonial Masons at the present day, feel themselves entitled to a little courtesy, and the only way they can secure it is by "independence."