

The centennary of Masonry in New Brunswick was celebrated with much splendor on the 1st of July last, at St. Johns. A colonial lodge a century old is a record.

A Masonic Apron a century old is in existence in England. It is of white leather bound with blue ribbon, has a semi-circle flap, with the All-seeing Eye upon it, and below, three candlesticks.

CHARITY.—A few words showing the amount expended in charity by some of the American and British-American Grand Lodges:—Canada: Seventy-one thousand dollars in six years. California: 8,609 dollars expended last year.

IS HE A MASON?—Not unfrequently have I asked this question since I took the symbolic degrees of Masonry, and very often have been compelled to answer it thus: "He has taken the degrees." Every one who has been initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry knows that the preparations required of a man to be made a Mason must or ought to take place before he can lawfully enter the *sanctum sanctorum* of our temple. One of the first lessons I was taught, after the ceremony of initiation, was the great duty I owed to God, to never mention his name but with that reverential awe which is due from a creature to his Creator. Then is he a Mason who, at all times and in all public places, ignores that lesson? I am ashamed to say that even in our Temple sometimes we hear the name of God spoken in vain by the man who boastingly says "I am a Mason." He who thus acts has only taken the degrees. He is as far from being a Mason, in the strict sense of the term, as the man is from being a Christian who attends his church and, kneeling in public worship, goes through the "form of prayer," while in his heart he holds bitter enmity and hatred towards his brother.—*J. H. Y. in Voice of Masonry.*

"Ole John Brown," of Chicago, who runs a well "printed" Masonic periodical, is wroth at the Grand Lodge of Texas recognizing the Grand Lodge of Victoria, and Michigan that of New South Wales. He evidently has no weight.—*Ex.*

MORRISBURG Rose Croix Chapter, U. D., was established at Morrisburg, by M. Ill. Bro. R. Ramsay and V. Ill. Bro. H. Johnston, on the 19th June. Ill. Bros. the Rev. Chas. L. Worrell, M. A., 95°, P. M., being first M. W.; F. F. Chamberlain, M. D., 95°, P. D. D. G. M., first P. M. W.; L. W. Howard, 95°, (S. W. Excelsior Lodge, No. 142), being first S. W.; A. A. Logan, 90°, Archivist; W. C. Barrie, 90°, P. M., Treas.; and S. A. Hickey, M. D., 90°, Conductor. The other officers will be announced subsequently. This Chapter proposes to uniform at once, and will unquestionably become a credit to the Order.

There seems to be a strong feeling gaining ground all over the world that the so-called high grades should not be counted as part of Freemasonry, as not only do they attract men from their legitimate duties in Craft Lodges, but they invite a crowd of followers eager only for display, and not imbued with the genuine principles of Freemasonry.

THE SECRETS OF FREEMASONRY.—Let the possessor of them be expatriated, shipwrecked or imprisoned; let him be stripped of everything he has got in the world, these credentials remain. They have stayed the hand of the destroyer; they have softened the asperities of the tyrant; they have mitigated the horrors of captivity; they have subdued the rancor of malevolence, and broken down the barrier of political animosity. On the field of battle, in the solitudes of the uncultivated forest, and in the busy haunts of the crowded city, they have made friends of men of the most hostile feelings.—*Bro. Dr. Benjamin Franklin.*