

this kind of thing restricted to the limits of the jurisdiction itself, it would perhaps be better to permit it to pass unnoticed; but it is not so restricted. In American political papers, having a masonic department, a system utterly inconsistent with that privacy which should attach to all things masonic, and to that precept which warns us against perverting the order to mere mercantile uses, the question has been adverted in a manner as degrading to the writers as it must, with all true masons, be harmless to the parties assailed. Among the papers which thus seek to pervert Freemasonry by making it a speciality in their politics, is *Pomeroy's* commonly called Brick Pomeroy's *Democrat*. The masonic department is under the editorship of F. G. Tisdale, 33°, whose name heads the column. In a late number it discusses the action of the Grand Lodge of Canada in refusing recognition to the so-called Grand Lodge of Quebec, and the tone adopted in this discussion is highly characteristic of the general tone of masonic columns in political papers. Officers of the Grand Lodge of Canada, who visited sister Grand Lodges of the United States are compared to "itinerant circus riders and showmen." The Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada is sneered at as appearing in New York "docked out like Solomon in all his glory but with little of his wisdom." The proceedings of the Grand Lodge of New York, are characterised as having been warped by "some kind of hocus pocus arrangement." Our Canadian Grand Officers are accused of trickery, chicanery and falsehood; "and the majority of the Grand Lodge of Canada are styled "politico masonic gamesters," as guilty of the same conduct as that by which "an unsuspecting victim in profane life is deprived of his property by professional thimblerriggers or three card monte performers,"

All this, let it be remembered, is in the masonic column of a political paper it is true, which has, among our neighbours the reputation of being the most wrecklessly vile sheet in the United States. But it is proper to remind the reader again that at the head of it, as masonic editor, appears the name of F. G. Tisdale. Some of the readers of the *Craftsman* may probably know something of this person by repute. Had we been so unfortunate as to have him in Canada, he would not to-day have been able to enter a masonic Lodge; for with us, expulsion happily means exclusion for all time from the ordinary benefits of the Craft. But for peculiar circumstances, it is not probable that he would have fared any better in the United States. But being stricken down by sickness, and apparently at the very door of death, he was relieved from his penalty—the chief motive for this act of clemency being that he might receive masonic burial. A kind Providence restored him to health; and he repaid the Grand Master to whom he owed his restoration, for his great act of kindness, by just such abuse as that of which he is so perfect an adept, as will be noticed by the examples we have quoted. To be abused by him therefore, is in itself no serious misfor-