

the *Tyler* says:—"What we say now and what we shall say in the future on this question is not in the interest of either one or any Rite, but solely for the welfare of Ancient Craft Masonry. If Grand Lodges continue to foster and build up rites and orders over which they have no jurisdiction, it will not be long before they will lose their present place of supremacy, and be in the market for sale to the highest bidder."

The *Tyler*, Grand Rapids, congratulates 209a upon the victory secured by it at the meeting of our Grand Lodge. It thus refers to our ritual:—"The work in general use in Canada is soulless to an appalling degree, and its exemplification will never awaken enthusiasm or be fruitful of rich Masonic thought. If the so-called Irish work were adopted by the Grand Lodge of Canada, and made the uniform work, Masonry would "rise and shine" to the everlasting glory of the Craft. When the neophyte asks for bread the present Canadian work gives a stone. May we hope that 209a may yet prove the 'little leaven' that shall leaven the whole lump."

Bro. Frank J. Thompson was reported on Fraternal Correspondence for the Grand Lodge of Dakota, and took advantage of that position to declare his opinions regarding the Divine authenticity of the Bible and a personal God as revealed therein to man. Bro. T.'s infidel views brought about his ears a large-sized hornet's nest. For the good name of the Craft and the honor of the Grand Lodge of Dakota something had to be done, and Bro. T. was consequently removed. The *Tyler* thus refers to the incident:—"The honor

conferred on Bro. Thompson by the Grand Lodge simply gave him the 'big head;' but the Grand Lodge has discovered that when big ideas get into little heads something is bound to spread—it is generally the mouth, and so it has closed Thompson's forever as a Grand Lodge reporter."

Grand Master Walkem has again prohibited dancing in halls dedicated to Freemasonry. If Masonic halls are such intensely sacred places there are worse evils than dancing continually practised in them that should be prohibited. Perhaps Bro. Walkem wants us to become as ascetic in our Masonic tastes and desires and actions, as monks? If so, why not close up the refreshment rooms and prohibit the wearing of gorgeous regalias? Then there are the tobacco smokers, the "funny" story tellers, and the profane swearers, who are to be found in and around all Lodge rooms. Masonry is a system of morality, and we believe that that morality should be maintained to the letter, but we object to the absurdity of straining at a gnat and swallowing a herd of camels.

A Masonic map of Ontario has been issued, showing the divisions of the province by Masonic districts, the locations of Lodges, Chapters, etc. The map could readily have been made more useful had it been indexed in such a way that the names of the bodies would have appeared alphabetically, and opposite such names the name and number of the district in which it was located. Of course there are a number of Lodges bearing the same names, which might make an index look absurd, but which would