

Lodge of New South Wales. It was impossible that Grand Lodge could delegate to any other body the power of discussing a motion with the object of a conference for agreeing and uniting with the said body, which was irregular, and with which Grand Lodge was not in accord. He, therefore, advised Grand Lodge to dismiss the appeal.

"Bro. Canon Portal, Grand Chaplain, quite agreed with the Grand Registrar, and seconded the motion. Grand Lodge had already declared the Grand Lodge of New South Wales to be an irregular body. He was surprised that Bro. Pigott found it in accordance with his Masonic obligation to have given notice of his motion.

"The appeal was dismissed, and Grand Lodge was closed in form."

It will be noted that Bro. Pigott's motion only "respectfully prays for the permission of the Grand Lodge of England to hold a conference with the body *called itself* the Grand Lodge of New South Wales, with the object of agreeing and uniting with the said body *in the formation of a Grand Lodge of New South Wales.*" Now, if this is not a most moderate request, we don't know what is. It does not even recognize the Grand Lodge of New South Wales as a Grand Lodge—it merely suggests that it would be advisable for the Masons of that Colony to discuss the question of "the formation of a Grand Lodge." But no! the appointed Representative of the Grand Lodge of England says No, and the Grand Lodge of England endorses his action. Once for all then we ask our English contemporaries by what means or process can Colonial Masons organize a Grand Lodge? To discuss the subject is treason, and that authority on Colonial Mark Masonry, the Rev. Canon Portal, is actually "surprised" that Bro. Pigott found it in accordance with his Masonic obligations to have given notice of such a motion." This comes very well from a brother who has

supported with all his power the unmasonic conduct of the Grand Mark Lodge of England in invading the territorial jurisdiction of a sister Sovereignty. Truly the parable of the "mote" and the "beam" would form an excellent text for our reverend brother's next sermon.

Seriously speaking, however, it is lamentable to think that the Premier Grand Lodge of the World, one that even its Colonial Masons have been taught to look up to, should take such a pride in insulting and snubbing Colonial Masons. The Masons in the Colonies have been and are the most loyal subjects of the British crown, but this constant "snubbing"—this want of "fair play"—these tyrannical and unmasonic tirades against Colonial Masons, the peers and equals of English Masons, must in time produce the same effect as the constant drop, drop, drop from the tiny stream upon the hardest granite. It wears. Patience ceases to be a virtue and a feeling of contempt for even our English brethren naturally arises, when we see our wishes and our desires so constantly and steadily thwarted for the sake of upholding and sustaining some petty purple-robed English Masonic official.

If the Grand Lodge of England will not allow Colonial English Masons to discuss such Masonic topics as they think right in Colonial English Lodges, such Colonial English Masons had better do so without consulting the Colonial English Masonic magnate, and the sooner they throw off his authority the better.

R. W. Bro. R. King, D. D. G. M., paid an official visit recently to Shuniah Lodge, No. 287, G. E. O., Port Arthur. The degree work was performed by W. Bro. W. S. Beaver, W. M., assisted by V. W. Bro. W. C. Dobie, S. W. Ray, and W. Bros. G. H. Kennedy, all P. M.'s of this lodge. R. W. Bro. King expressed himself highly satisfied with the work done.