

washing and flooding rains, but a sweet sort of a shower. O Lord! send the rain to make the grain grow, for if there is anything I do hate on this earth it is there—little nubbins."

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HE TOOK THE HINT.

An honest ploughman was much in love with a pretty dairymaid, but he was rather a bashful wooer, and could not muster sufficient courage to pop the question. Kate, for that was the name of the dairymaid, got impatient, and she determined to bring Jack to the scratch, so one night when they met for the usual bilin' and cooin', Kate said, "Maun, Jock, are ye fond of guid baked scones?" "That I am, ma lassie," was the reply. "Weel, am a grand haun' at them," says Kate, "but a' caanna bake them for you. Jock, till ye mak' me Mrs. Cam'ell." Jock took the hint, and the pretty dairymaid baked his scones for him not many months afterwards.

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THE BEADLE AGAIN.

A minister of Dauvit Steenson's, a Scotch beadle, was an elderly person, who never thought of writing a new sermon. He therefore consulted his man regarding the choice of the old. The beadle knew to a nicety when any one had been last delivered. "When did I preach this one?" the minister would say, naming the text. "About twa months syne," replied Dauvit. "Then that will not do," quoth the minister. After repeated trials the reverend gentleman became fidgety, and taking out a very yellow doctrinal one, asked about it "We got her a twalmonth syne," was the prompt response. "Tell me the heads," said the minister, to test his informant. "David was a justified child, David was an adopted child, and David was a sanctified child," quoth Dauvit. "That's all right. Now, what came under the first head?" Dauvit was obliged to acknowledge that he had forgotten. "Well," said the minister, "we'll just take that sermon, for you'll be all the better to get your memory refreshed. And Dauvit, if you don't know the sermon no other will, so it will suit very well for all."

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EXTREME ECONOMY.

Will L. Scism, editor of "The Knight's Jewel," of Omaha, who is a "P. G. C." and "S. R." came to the late convention of the Supreme Lodge loaded for business, as the pages of the daily reports of proceedings testify. Although "turned down" by the Supreme body in some of his propositions, in others he was successful. Here is what he did with the matter of appropriation for postage usually made at each convention:

One of the events of importance of the second day was an attempt to appropriate money for postage in the way that some appropriations have heretofore been made, and against which "The Jewel" has fought most vigorously. Representative Edmunds, of South Dakota, introduced a resolution appropriating \$200.00 for postage for the members of the Supreme Lodge. This was opposed by some and the law pointed out to them, but without avail, the resolution was adopted by

a viva voce or rather a vivision vote of 50 to 51. "The Jewel" has all along contended that this sort of appropriation was not a legal one according to the statutes, and its representative at once proceeded to demonstrate the soundness of his position. He went before the Supreme Tribunal and sued out an order restraining the S. K. of R. & S. from drawing a warrant on account of said resolution. The writ was served in the afternoon and the S. K. of R. & S. ordered to show cause the next morning at 10 o'clock, why it should not be made permanent. The case came on for hearing and the injunction was made permanent, thereby teaching the Supreme Lodge this valuable lesson, that laws made for the government must be as strictly obeyed as the laws it makes for the government of other lodges under its direction and control. In explaining to the Supreme Lodge that he had been enjoined, the S. K. of R. & S. posed in a certain sense as a martyr, but it did not work, because the majority of the Supreme Lodge realised that appropriating money for postage was that much money wasted, and more, that making illegal appropriations in the future would not be tolerated.

We cannot quite agree with Brother Scism on his premises in this matter, as the mailing of the "Daily Reports" is for the information of the members of the Order who are at their homes, and who are as much interested in the doings of the Supreme Lodge as are those who "sit under the droppings of the sanctuary." Economy is a good thing, and the work in that direction by the Supreme Lodge is commendable, but there are extremes in both directions, and we are of opinion this is one of them.—Ex.

[In connection with the above matter, our Supreme Representatives desire to offer an explanation why so few of the members in this domain were favored with copies of the "Daily Journal" of the Supreme Lodge "as had been formally the custom." The Supreme Lodge in its desire to economise reduced the number over one-half to be printed daily, and as a result, our representatives had just twenty-four copies daily at their disposal, one of which they mailed to each Subordinate Lodge in this Domain. They would gladly have disposed of more had copies been placed at their disposal.—Committee "True Knight."]

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