

mire the stand he takes on its behalf. He says :—"It (St. John's) has rights secured to it by a document, the reliability and authenticity of which has been sworn to, and upon these rights it demands even-handed justice from Grand Lodge." If an agreement was made with 209 *a*, that agreement should be carried out, unless it is the wish of the members that it be rescinded. Grand Lodge must be jealous of its honor, and guard it at all risks and cost, even if it has to tolerate foreign ritualism, which certainly cannot destroy any one of the principles of Freemasonry.

A letter from Most Ill. Bro. Thomas L. Shaw, Grand Secretary of the Sov. Sanc. of Scotland, reports that the Sov. Sanc. of Scotland is in excellent condition, and also announces the fact that the Sov. Sanc. of Canada has issued a patent to Major J. Crombie, 33°, 90°, 96°, Grand Master of the Sov. Sanc. of Scotland, as honorary Past Grand Master of the Sov. Sanc. of Canada, and also that the Sov. Sanc. of Scotland will issue patents creating Most Ill. Bro. Daniel Rose, Grand Master of Canada, and Most Ill. Bro. Darius Wilson, Grand Master U. S. A., honorary Past Grand Masters 33°, 90°, 96° of the Sov. Sanc. of Scotland.

Judging by the comments made in the daily press, in both the United States and England, it is quite evident that the traditional aversion of females to Freemasonry is rapidly declining. The London *Daily Telegraph* says: "During the past fifteen or twenty years the lodges that have given periodical entertainments to ladies have become more numerous, and at present there are many which commit the

enormity every year of either a banquet or a ball, or a summer outing, participated in by the gentler sex." In noting this fact the *Telegraph* says that the withdrawal of female opposition to the lodges is easily accounted for.

The CANADIAN CRAFTSMAN for April not only appropriated our editorial "From the Sky," but also changed its title to "Whence came Freemasonry?" That is neither honest nor brotherly, nor what we expected from that periodical. Evidently it needs reforming.—*Voice of Masonry*. We admit the fact of publishing the article referred to, but deny the inference drawn. We did not "put a head on" the article, but printed it as we found it in an exchange. If THE CRAFTSMAN jumped on every exchange that publishes its original matter without giving it credit the problem of perpetual motion would be almost solved. The trouble is to find the thief, as it is not difficult to discover those who have been misled.

The *South Australian Freemason* of April 8 contains an extended account of the inauguration of the United Grand Lodge of Victoria. Out of the 143 lodges in that colony only two refused to join the new organization. Among those who attended the organization was Lord Carrington, Grand Master of New South Wales. Sir William J. Clarke, Bart., Grand Master of Victoria, according to the *Victorian Freemason*, "is one of the largest land-owners in the colony, and his numerous charitable deeds are seldom made known; also he maintains some three or four churches all to himself, but of the more important gifts he bestowed