

something like two thousand pounds. Should Bro. Taylor ever wish to part with it, I should think the Freemasons of England would hardly allow it to be broken up and dispersed.

UNDER the heading of British Columbia, the Foreign Correspondence of Montana has the following:—

“Bro. Edgar Crow Baker, after having served four terms as Grand Secretary, is now serving his third term as Grand Master. In addition, he is a member of the Dominion Parliament, and in general demand for all useful purposes. His address is of great length, but good enough to justify it. He makes a good point in reminding craftsmen to imitate the *noiseless* work on Solomon's original Temple, in doing our Masonic work, even in dispensing our charity.

“The brethren of Victoria have a Masonic Temple on a paying basis; the Grand Lodge, small as it is, has a Benevolent Fund, and bestows more in charity, than some very old and other very large Grand Lodges that we could name.

“Hearty recognition was accorded to the Grand Lodge of Victoria, Australia, and it is worthy of note how ready all the Grand Lodges of British Provinces are to extend the right hand of fellowship to those who are passing through the same experience that has taught them how much respect is due to the parent Grand Lodge of the British Isles. With all the differential respect so natural in British subjects everywhere, there are none anywhere but know by experience that there is a sad lack of fraternal feeling between the parent Grand Lodges and their distant subordinates. We would give more for the opinion of British Columbia respecting the course of the Australian Provinces, than for that of any of our older Grand Lodges, whose experience has given them no opportunity to judge of the difficulties to be encountered at every step and effort toward independence. The success

and credit that have been attained by the Grand Lodges in all the British-American Provinces, assures like success in the Australian Provinces. The end will vindicate and justify the ways and means.”

At the last meeting of the Grand Lodge of Arkansas, the following rather curious decision of the Grand Master was approved:—“A brother suspended for non-payment of dues, has not the privilege of visiting his lodge. The lodge may permit him to do so, but this is not a right which he may demand. And when permitted to visit the lodge, it is only as a visitor and not as a member, and therefore he cannot vote, sit on committee, or otherwise participate in the business of the lodge.” This is a kind of “suspension” that will not be appreciated in many jurisdictions.

WHAT MASONS REPRESENT. — The Masons, as a class, represent more than any other I know of, the practical common sense of the whole community in its most liberal aspect—solid men of judgment, selected from every interest in society. She seeks no political distinction, nor does she ostracize any one for his politics. We welcome good men of all parties, and think the more they meet here on the level the better they all will be for it.—R. W. Bro. C. L. Woodbury.

BARRIE.—Officers of Signet Chapter Barrie, for 1886.—Ex-Comp Wm Downie, Z; M ex Comp Daniel Spry, I P Z; Ex-Comps Geo Monkman, H; R A Douglas, J; Comps R A Dutton, S E; A C Garden, S N; V ex-Comp C L Sanders, Treas; Comps R H Holt, Chas; S Wesley, P S; H Dillery, S S; G G Smith, J S; E Bethell, 1st Veil; D Ramsay, 2nd Veil; J J Buckley, 3rd Veil; H J Angus, 4th Veil; Chas McInnes, D of C; K A Ross, M D, and P Lambert, Stewards; D Dunn, Standard Bearer; Jno Musgrove, Sword B; Thos Moore, Janitor; R ex-Comp J McL Stevenson, and ex-Comp Robt King, Sr., Trustees; ex-Comp A B McPhee, V ex-Comp C H Bosanko, and ex-Comp John Rogerson, Ex Com; M ex Comp Daniel Spry, and V ex Comp C L Sanders, Rep B B.