

that the Lodge was kept neat, tidy, and in proper condition; with cuspidors clean, furniture dusted, and regalias and badges carefully laid away? Would it not in some measure tend to dispel the prejudice some have against the institution, and remove somewhat the objection they may have against the attendance of husband or father upon our meetings?

We think it would not only do this, but would, by bringing the Brethren together socially, bind them more closely in fraternal relations, and better spread the cement of brotherly love among them. It would, as we before observed, draw to our doors the young men, and be the means of putting new life into the Lodge. This has been the experience of many who for years past, during the long winter months, have tried the experiment, nor do they find that it has in any degree lowered the standard of Masonry among their members, or drawn into our ranks the unworthy.—*Masonic Tidings*.

#### THE EDITOR'S PROVERBS.

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Masonic crimes proper are breaches of Grand or Subordinate Lodge laws; but ever offence against the moral or statute law is really a Masonic offence, as a Mason is bound by the tenor of his obligation to be a strict observer of

the moral law, also to be a good citizen, obedient to the laws of the country in which he lives.

"Masons should never forget that while they have two ears and only one tongue, therefore they should hear twice as much as they speak, particularly out of the Lodge and in public places. He who has learned to obey and possesses a teachable spirit, is a proper person to advance to the highest honours in Masonry. He sees everything, hears everything, enjoys everything, and betrays nothing."

We are under the impression (say a contemporary), that no other earthly titles rank higher than those of Freemasonry, indeed, therefore the Masonic title and that only should be used in Lodges. So thought the Duke of Kent, father of Her Majesty, who when presiding in Lodge on one occasion, a brother in speaking upon a question addressed him as "Your Royal Highness," whereupon the R.W. Provincial Grand Master said "Worshipful Brother, there are no Royal Highnesses here, *we are all brethren*." This was in perfect keeping with the Duke of Kent's character.

"A Grand Lodge of Ancient Craft Masonry has a right to protect itself against all assailants of its peace, its honor, and its dignity, coming from any quarter, and it is its privilege, as well as duty, to give due and timely warnings against all appearances of evil within its borders—warning against the sowing, even, of the seeds of strife and dissension, which might grow into 'entangling alliances,' fruitful of the greatest mischief, if not totally destructive of that harmony and brotherly love which should characterize all good Masons." —*Washington*.

There is no reason in the world why differences among Masons should not be adjusted in the sacred precincts of the Lodge room. There is no reason why hatreds, enmities and feuds should be permitted to exist among the members of the same Lodge. The mission