

Masonic Excursion.

On Wednesday, 30th July last, King Solomon, Rehoboam and Sevenson Lodges, A. F. & A. M., Toronto, held a Masonic excursion to Paradise Grove, Niagara. The brethren, with their friends, together with their wives and sweethearts, left Yonge Street wharf shortly after seven o'clock, per the steamer *Rothsay*, and after a pleasant sail across the lake arrived at Niagara about half-past nine o'clock. The following distinguished brethren from Toronto accompanied the excursion, viz: R. W. Bro. Daniel Spry; V. W. Bros. J. B. Nixon and W. C. Morrison; W. Bros. R. Dennis, David Clark, H. Bickford, Jno. Patton, James Martin, jr., Daniel McDonald, Thos. Langton, James Norris, W. C. Wilkinson, Geo C. Patterson; Bros. Edward Hanlan, John McKee, John K. Brydon, John Pearson, Joseph Purves, M. Evans, R. Robinson, S. R. Ougley, and others. On arrival at Niagara the brethren of Niagara Lodge received their brethren from Toronto, and marched up together to Paradise Grove, headed by the Royal Engineer's Band of Toronto, who accompanied the excursion. After the brethren had reached the grove, Bro. J. G. Rousseau, S. W., in the absence of the W. M. of Niagara Lodge, delivered an address of welcome, which was well received. R. W. Bro. Daniel Spry, as Chairman of the Excursion Committee, called upon the different Worshipful Masters of the several Lodges to respond, whereupon W. Bro. Henry Bickford, W. M. King Solomon's Lodge; W. Bro. R. Dennis, W. M. Rehoboam Lodge; and W. Bro. John Patton, of Stevensen Lodge, severally responded. W. Bro. John Patton, as his usual custom, and hailing from the Green Isle, made a few humorous remarks, and spoke highly of the enjoyment afforded the brethren from Toronto at Niagara last year, and had no doubt they would have the same pleasure this

year. R. W. Bro. Daniel Spry then called upon Bro. Edward Hanlan, who, in answer to the call, stated he was happy to be present on the occasion. The brethren then separated to enjoy themselves for the day. We were glad to observe M. W. Bro. Jas. Seymour, and several other distinguished brethren from St. Catharines and surrounding district, present. Bro. Edward Hanlan was enjoying a swing, when the branch of the tree gave way and he fell to the ground, but did not in any way hurt himself. The brethren left the grounds shortly after six o'clock, and reached home in safety about 9 o'clock, after having spent a happy and pleasant day's enjoyment.

The Ninetieth Degree.

How Twenty-three Masons were gulled by an Impostor.

Wednesday of last week, the 14th ult., a gentleman of pleasing address, polished exterior, and captivating as a conversationalist, registered at the Boody House, under the name of C. C. Burt, hailing from Jackson, Mich. With him was associated a gentleman who passed by the name of Straight. Mr. Burt was assigned to room No. 137.

It was not long till the gentleman of pleasing address ingratiated himself in the good graces of quite a number of the leading spirits of the Masonic fraternity, and to whom he produced what was deemed good and honest vouchers, that he was empowered with due and lawful authority to confer the Egyptian Masonic Rite of Memphis, or ninety degrees in Masonry. His endorsement, as his papers showed, came from no less a personage than V. L. Herbet, Grand Commander of the United States Knights Templar, and others. The ninety degrees were to be imparted for the insignificant sum of \$10, and all to be conferred in thirty minutes by the watch.

Such a rare opportunity of obtain-