

THE Barrie and Orillia Masons are preparing for a mammoth picnic on St. John's Day. Bro. McInnes' new steamer "Orillia" has been chartered for the occasion. Murray and Golden Rule Lodges will be invited.

WHEN will the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts dare to put in force its infamous edicts against freedom of thought and independence of action? Such bigotry and narrow-mindedness is only equalled by His Holiness, and his ally, "Blanchard."

BRO. ROBERT RAMSAY has consented to deliver a lecture on "The High Degrees," at Huntsville, on the twenty-fifth prox.; and Bro. Captain Dentan will probably give an excursion on his steamer to the Huntsville brethren next day.

Will the *Freemason* or *Freemason's Chronicle* kindly inform us when and where H. R. H. the Prince of Wales received his Royal Arch Degree, Templar Grade, and Scottish Rite Degrees? Several correspondents have enquired, and we have not the dates at hand.

THE *London Freemason* defends the action of St. George's Lodge, No. 440, English Register, in accepting the rejected material of Doric Lodge, Toronto. Does it also say St. George's Lodge is right, and justified in accepting the rejected material of Montreal and other lodges in Quebec, which it frequently has done? We await a reply.

A PETITION signed by twenty-five brethren at Gravenhurst for a dispensation for Golden Rule Lodge in that town, has been recommended by the proper authorities to the Grand Master, who will doubtless grant the same. The following brethren were nominated for the first three offices, respectively:—Bro. Irving, W. M.; Bro. Meinardus, S.W., and Bro. Dr. Cornell, J. W. The material on hand is excellent.

AN interesting sketch and lithograph of Bro. Chas. Latour, editor of the *Freemason*, appears in that paper. We wish him, personally, and the *Freemason*, Detroit, every success.

SOME men come naturally to the front; amongst the fortunate, is our genial friend, V.W. Bro. R. L. Patterson, of Toronto, who is always a welcome visitor wherever he is known.

MURRAY Lodge, U. D., at Beaverton, had four initiations at the last communication, and has opened a bank account. Wor. Bro. A. P. Cockburn, M. P., is W.M., and Lieut. Dalh R. Ramsay in the (Nor) West.

BRO. JOHN S. DEWAR does not intend to give up his Masonic column in the *Free Press*, although advised to do so by a contemporary. All right, Bro. John, go ahead, and be happy; and keep the London brethren up to the mark. For our own part, we believe a good reliable column in a daily is of great service to the craft, and we hope Bro. D. will continue straight on that line.

BRO. ROB. MORRIS has returned to his home at La Grange, Ky. We wish the Masonic Poet-Laureate long years and years of a useful and happy life. If we have sometimes opposed some of his views, none can appreciate his love and devotion to the craft more than we do. May T. G. A. O. T. U. long permit him to serve in the army of Hiram.

THE Proceedings of the Sovereign Sanctuary of Canada have been reprinted from the commencement, and contain a mass of general Masonic information of great interest to the craft. Any brother desirous of studying the history and progress of the Egyptian Rites in Canada, can obtain a copy by applying by letter (enclosing two cents for postage) to Bro. Daniel Rose, Toronto; Bro. Robert Ramsay, Orillia, or Bro. Oronhyatekha, London.