

Colonial brethren, and fancy that a member of the Mystic Tie who has received his degrees in Canada or Australia is entirely unworthy of notice by one who has had the lamb-skin presented to him in an English lodge. The spirit is anything but Masonic, and we are surprised to think that any brethren, especially those who speak the Anglo-Saxon tongue, and are loyal subjects of the same Sovereign, should so thoroughly forget the principles of the Craft. The matter is one that causes deep regret amongst those Hiramites who love Masonry for its own sake. The United Grand Lodge of England has much to answer for in thus fostering strife instead of teaching and circulating "Peace on earth and good will towards men." The subject is so serious and of such vast import, that we earnestly urge upon the English Masonic Press to hesitate no longer, but courageously, manfully, and Masonically point out to the Craft in the mother country that the Masonic powers in England are not only doing a vast injury to their brethren in the Colonies, but perchance alienating the affections of thousands of the most loyal subjects from their devotion to the British throne.

Personalities are the weapon of the coward, and slander the language of the poltroon. When a Masonic body resorts to such it proves its tottering condition, its abject meanness, and its contemptible pusillanimity. No true Freemason should either ally himself with such or even allow his fair name to be besmirged through the actions of others.

EDITORIAL ITEMS.

St. John's Lodge, No. 169, G. R. Ireland, at L'Original, Ont., is the only foreign lodge in Ontario. It is proposed to unite it with Hawkesbury Lodge, G. R. C.

Our highly esteemed and R. E. Comp. David McLellan, Grand Scribe E., has recently been appointed a J. P. of the City of Hamilton. He also worthily fills the position of Chairman of the Public School Board of that city.

The *Hebrew Leader* gives M. Ill. Bro. J. Ross Robertson, G. M. Royal and Select Masters, Canada, great praise for so openly expressing his opinions in his address to the Grand Council as to the lethargic condition of Cryptic Masonry in the Dominion. The address is almost entirely quoted.

R. W. Bro. J. J. Mason, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Canada, is spoken of as a candidate for the Mayoralty of Hamilton in the approaching election. He possesses all the qualifications for the position, which he would fill with honor to himself and credit to the ambitious city.

W. Bro. T. B. Whytehead informs us that a new lodge, "Agrippa," is to be "floated" at York, England, and that it will in reality be a military one, since the members are principally officers connected with the staff there. It is called after the celebrated Roman Emperor, whom tradition states built up and greatly beautified this ancient city.