

The Grand Lodge of Tennessee has very wisely declared that "no lodge hereafter created, either by dispensation or charter, shall bear the name of any living person." The reason for this is obvious, owing to the frailty of humanity, and the possibility of even the best of men going astray.

The United Grand Lodge of New South Wales, although only an infant in swaddling clothes, has moved in the direction of founding a Masonic Orphanage. Up to December £1,260 had been subscribed. Bro. Chief Justice Sir Frederick Darley is a moving spirit in the matter. When will Canada wake up from its Rip Van Winkleism?

Grand Master Walkem has authorized Grand Secretary Mason to issue the usual dispensations to lodges who are desirous of holding entertainments where dancing forms a feature. Tripping the light fantastic in a hall dedicated to Freemasonry is not so injurious to the Institution as tipping up tumblers filled with intoxicants in the adjoining refreshment room.

Mrs. Henry Robertson, Collingwood, wife of the P. G. M., has written for the local press an interesting account of their trip to the Pacific last fall. Mrs. Robertson describes people and places in a graphic manner, while her word pictures of scenery are at times grand and poetic. She is evidently a keen observer and possesses the happy faculty of conveying to others in a delightful manner the results of her observations.

An esteemed brother sends us the following cheering words:—"I trust you are succeeding in your enterprise—

THE CRAFTSMAN—and that in due course you will reap some reward for your labor. The publication looks well, and is a very great improvement on the former issue. Compared with the exchanges you occasionally send me you give far more reading than many of them."

Sir Knight Ercanbrack, of the Grand Commandery of Ohio, in his correspondence report, says:—"In our last report we are quoted as saying: 'Grand Master Roome is a very liberal-minded gentleman; he is neither autocratic nor aggressive; we are in safe hands.' We beg leave to recall that sentiment." One little lesson to be learned from this is the absurdity of indulging recklessly in flattery.

The *Masonic Journal*, Portland Me., has just entered upon its second year, and it celebrates the event by changing its form and improving its general appearance. In making a note of the change the *Journal* says:—"Freemasonry means more than mere externals, and in order to live its tenets, they must be understood. The *Journal* will continue to advocate what its editor believes to be sound Masonic doctrine, based upon Blue Lodge Masonry."

We have received a letter from a very worthy brother protesting against the public nomination of brethren for office, or the naming of those supposed to be worthy of advancement in the near future. Having entered his protest our correspondent then gives the name of a brother who, he says, has claims on the Craft for past services, and raises the question, why was he omitted from the chosen few? The in-