

doubt that the radical element only requires a leader to make its power felt. That grants should be made under certain conditions is a necessity, but that benevolence should be withheld, and that in a worthy case, because some formality had been overlooked, has anything but a charitable aspect.

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The following appeared in the Toronto *Globe's* report of Grand Lodge proceedings:—"Hon. J. M. Gibson, a P. D. D. G. M., occupied a seat on the platform and was frequently referred to by the delegates as a future Deputy Grand Master." Surely politics did not prompt the reporter to make this remark. When a political organ makes a Masonic nomination it is difficult to suppress suspicions that more than Masonry is being consulted. Bro. Gibson is a highly esteemed gentleman, an honor to the Craft or any institution he is connected with, but his injudicious admirer should not do anything to injure him in the estimation of the brethren. If his friends are anxious to secure preferment for him in the Craft they should not allow him to be politically god-fathered.

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Grand Lodge decided to celebrate in some way the one hundredth anniversary of the establishment of Freemasonry in Canada. As the centennial of Freemasonry in Canada will occur in 1892, there is ample time to decide what form the celebration will take. Other grand bodies in Canada are invited to participate in the celebration, and there is no doubt but that an earnest effort will be made to make the most of the event. In connection with the centennial a proposal is made to

acknowledge in a suitable manner the services rendered Canadian Freemasonry by the late Bro. John Dean, a Provincial Grand Secretary. In *THE CRAFTSMAN* for December it was announced that Miss Dean, a daughter of the brother mentioned, had sent a number of important Masonic papers and documents to Grand Master Walkem, relating to the early history of the Craft in Canada.

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The following, from Bro. Fred Webber, of Washington, D. C., explains itself:—"In the June number of *THE CRAFTSMAN* you mention the organization, in Sept., 1857, of St. George's Lodge, at Owen Sound, as being organized with seven brethren, of which only the first master, Bro. Macpherson, was now alive. I belong to Compass Lodge, No. 223, at Louisville, Kentucky, organized June 26th, 1851, with seven brethren. The lodge celebrated its 38th annual meeting last Monday evening, June 26th. Of the seven but one is dead, the first W. M.; five of the survivors were present. Business prevented me, the first Secretary, from going to the meeting. This, to my mind, is a very remarkable case, and I doubt if another similar one can be found. The first W. M. only died three years ago from an injury received on the head many years previous. Up to 1878, when I came here to live, not one of the brethren was out of the State of Kentucky." We thank Bro. Webber for furnishing *THE CRAFTSMAN* with such an interesting item, and one that cannot be easily duplicated.

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The third degree amendment, as it is called, is gaining ground, as the