

taken before a committee appointed by the Lodge for that purpose.

The Lodge cannot vote as to whether a candidate shall be advanced or not. No such question or motion would be in order, as it would be an infringement of the prerogatives of the W. M., who has the sole control of the work of the Lodge.

The bad reports mentioned in the above query would not be sufficient to suspend the brother. No brother can be suspended except after due trial on charges regularly preferred against him, and opportunity given to him to defend himself.

They would, however, be sufficient to justify the W. M. in declining to confer the second degree until after investigation; and until the reports in circulation were properly explained to the Master's satisfaction. It is the duty of the Master not to advance a candidate whom he knows or believes to be unworthy.

If sufficient proof can be had, a charge should be preferred against the candidate; if not, he can still be stopped by the Master, if he deems it for the good of Masonry to do so.

For THE CANADIAN CRAFTSMAN.]

Review.

Amabel Vaughan, and other Tales, &c., by Emra Holmes, with a Masonic Memoir of the Author,—275 pp. Truro, England, Lake & Lake; and at Geo. Kenning's, 198 Fleet Street, London. Price, 2s. 6d.

We have been favored with a copy of this very interesting volume published by Bro. Emra Holmes, of Fowey, Cornwall, for the purpose of contributing towards the relief of a Brother Free Mason, who has been unexpectedly plunged into poverty in the decline of life. The author himself has no pecuniary interest in the profit derived from the sale of the work. The charitable design of the publication should alone commend it to the Masonic fraternity, but when in addition to this

the real and intrinsic merits of the book itself is taken into account, we have no hesitation whatever in strongly recommending it to the favorable notice of the Craft. The contents are as follows:—

TALES.

Amabel Vaughan; Mildred, an Autumn Romance; My Lord the King; The Path of Life, an Allegory; Another Fenian Outrage.

POEMS.

The Gallant Men of Fowey; The Torn Treaty; The Eternity of Love; The Changeful Seasons; A Cornish Lane in June; Alone; Desolate; Reconciled; Last Words; The Cloud Teacher; The Painted Window; Tender and True; To my Boy—Parted.

An article on 'The Status of Civil Servants.

MASONIC PAPERS.

Random Notes on Free Masonry; The United Orders of The Temple and The Hospital; Canterbury Cathedral; The Escorial; Royal Order of Scotland.

The Tales and Poems are good, particularly so, and most decidedly evince the possession of a high degree of literary ability on the part of the author.

The article on the Status of the Civil Service shows a great deal of research, and must be in its conclusions highly satisfactory to gentlemen who serve the Crown in that capacity. But it is in the Masonic Papers that we are especially interested, and we can assure our readers that these alone are well worth the price of the book, and that the information therein contained and the instruction afforded upon subjects rarely dwelt upon in Masonic journals or publications are well qualified to afford both pleasure and satisfaction to Masonic students. No Mason can rise from their perusal without feeling that he has gained "new light."

The Masonic Memoir of the Author, written by George Markham Tweddell,