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"1. All Iowa Masons do consider the Iowa work first-class. We are perfectly satisfied with the work, with the method of its custody and dissemination, and I have never heard to the contrary.

"2.—The Grand Lecturer does not receive \$3000, only the half of that sum, to wit, \$1500 a year.

"These two errors, blunders indeed, were set afloat from a failure to comprehend a plain statement of facts made in reply to a query:—

"How can I get a copy of your work, the Webb-Preston work; how do you disseminate it, and what does it cost? We replied:—Our work is the Iowa Work, and not the Webb-Preston Work. If it is the latter you want, you do not want ours. We disseminate the work by a Board of Custodians and a Grand Instructor, one of their number. The system costs \$3000.

"There is as much difference between a Grand Lecturer and a system of propagating the work as between the Grand Master and the Tyler. In the costs of the system is included the salary of the Grand Lecturer. The larger part of the costs of the system is the large expense attending the holding of a Grand Lodge School of Instruction, and numerous Schools of Instruction through the year and throughout the State. Officers and brethren cannot travel and stop at hotels without paying fare, and all this goes to make up the cost.

"Please correct this error and assist in setting Iowa and myself right on this subject.

"NOTE.—Every well informed Mason of this age knows full well that the old Webb work has become obsolete, and that each and all of the Grand Lodges have, by what they call a 'revision' work, a work to suit their own wants and taste. Call things by their right name, and let poor Webb rest undisturbed in his grave."

## LET US BE UP AND DOING.

In Montreal the craft are building a Masonic Temple, in Detroit they are starting a bank, in London they are organizing a club, in Toronto they are not even "sawing wood," to use a cherished Western term. It is really too bad that there is not more practical life in Masonry in this city, but the reason is not far to seek. Brethren, many of them excellent men, have got hold of the principal offices in the different executive boards. They have been in these offices so long that their offices are looked upon as vested rights, and all movement is now made lobster fashion. Younger and more energetic members are relegated to silence or the oblivion on the side benches, whilst after all is said and done, after all our grand meetings and orations and boasts of progress, the Craft in this city of Toronto is simply dreaming its existence away in an atmosphere of innocuous desuetude. Why cannot the craft bestir itself? Why not start a bank, build a temple, or better still organize a club. There is room in the city for another club, and there are many members of the craft that would gladly avail themselves of its privileges. Let some one take the initiative, and six months will see us with one of the finest clubs in the city.

## MASONIC BARNACLES.

A letter received from a brother in a town in Western Ontario, where the lodges are located, reveals an unfortunate state of affairs. The trouble arose out of the rejection of a candidate by the junior lodge, although he had been accepted in the senior lodge, but he allowed the legal time to lapse before presenting himself for initiation. His reason for doing so was because he had more intimate friends in the junior than in the senior lodge, and he felt that he would be more at home with