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As this number of The Craftsman closes our second volume, we would respectfully ask our subscribers to read the date attached to their address on the magazine, and if in arrears our manager will be glad to receive the amount due by them. As those who pay in advance get The Craftsman at a reduced rate, we would urge all our subscribers to take advantage of the reduction.

Bro. W. H. Smith, editor of the *Masonic Journal*, Portland, Maine, died at his home in Portland, April 19th, of paralysis, aged 62 yeart. Bro. Smith had been a mason forty years, and held many important offices in the Grand Lodge. The Grand Lodge conducted the funeral service.

We would call the attention of Lodge secretaries to the fact that The Craftsman is prepared to furnish blanks, notices, petitions, and forms of all kinds for use in the lodges at reasonable rates. Communications should be addressed to the manager.

Bro. W. P. Rickart, editor of the *Masonic Constellation*, St. Louis, has recently recovered from a violent attack of pneumonia. We are pleased to learn that he has fully recovered his health. *The Constellation* is one of our best exchanges, and Bro. Rickart would be sadly missed.

This is is the season of the year when the crop of non-affiliates is harvested by the private lodges. At the June meeting the N. P. D. degree is usually given to save Grand Lodge dues. The only feature lacking in the giving of this degree is the absence of the member. This is a degree that should not be denied any brother worthy of it. Give to Cæsar the things that are Cæsar's. If membership is worth having, it is worth paying for. Pruning occasionally helps a tree.

Whilst Bro. T. S. Parvin is hunting up antiquites for the Iowa Grand Lodge Library, why does he not ask for a few