

not be done they have no further use for Masonry.

Another class have become drones because they have never learned enough of Masonry to become interested in it, or they do not agree with the majority in the management of the Lodge, or they have had a personal difficulty with some brother, or some members do not live up to their idea of morality, and they do not wish to associate with such profligate fellows. Instead of doing their own plain duty in such cases, they shirk the responsibility, and attempt to throw all the blame on others. The great trouble in this whole matter is, these men have none of the spirit of Masonry in them, and ought never to have been admitted into the Lodge. Let our Brothers then profit by their past experience, and more carefully examine into the character and qualifications of those who may seek admission into our Order. Let it not be sufficient that there is nothing against the moral character of the applicant, but see to it that he possesses positive qualities, and the capacity to understand and appreciate what will be required of him as a Mason. Make less members and more Masons and there will be fewer drones in our Lodges.—*Masonic Advocate*.

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## Craft Tidings.

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### CANADIAN.

The second annual reunion of the London Lodge of Perfection will be held in February. Toronto officers will assist in the work. Ill. Bros. Findlay, Munson and McWhinnery are the London leaders. Some ten Chatham brethren have cast their lot with London, and a number of new members are promised for the next class from that section.

Sarnia Companions have made application for a charter for a Knights Templar Preceptory.

### AMERICAN.

It is the duty of every Worshipful Master to see that candidates are

posted on the Third Degree as well as the First and Second. Visiting brethren are often denied admission to lodges simply because they are unable to satisfy a committee as to their proficiency in the Master's Degree — *The Illinois Freemason*.

Missouri requires that all newly-made Master Masons shall be required to stand examination in open lodge, on the lecture of the Degree of Master Mason, within six months after his raising.—*Masonic Constellation*.

The library and collection of the Acacia Club, of Chicago, has been purchased by Oriental Consistory of that city. The library is the largest and most valuable collection of Masonic books ever brought together in Illinois, and with but few exceptions in the entire country. It comprises works in every field of Masonic labor. The collection will be placed in the parlors of Oriental Consistory.—*Freemason and the Tes*.

The qualification necessary for the Scottish Rite degrees, is to be an affiliated Master Mason in a regular lodge, recognized by the Grand Lodge of the State in which the applicant is resident or holds his membership.

Bro. John M. Stull, President of the Masonic Home, presented the Grand Lodge a gavel made of wood cut from an olive tree which grew in Jerusalem, and which he had been commissioned, by the Master of the Lodge of Masons meeting in that city, to convey, with expressions of fraternal greeting, to the Grand Lodge of Ohio. The Grand Master accepted the gavel with appropriate response, and used it for the remainder of the session.

As a commemoration of its fiftieth anniversary, Cincinnati Lodge, No. 133, announced its donation of one thousand dollars to the Masonic Home, one-fourth of which is to be used in properly furnishing a suitable room, to be selected by said lodge. The Assistant Grand Treasurer donated to the Home the amount paid him for his services. Appreciation of the Masonic