

Our experience with THE CRAFTSMAN, and a more lengthened experience elsewhere, demonstrates that when something is published that prompts a subscriber to give up his paper a score or more find pleasure in reading the item, and what may appear a loss to the dissatisfied subscriber is a gain to the publisher. This explains why so many publications become prosperous when small-minded individuals imagine they are hastening their demise by a foolish and childish action.

The following is a decision by the Grand Master of Kentucky, which is respectfully submitted for the consideration of those brethren that assisted at the initiation in a city lodge of a candidate who was so deaf that it was for a time thought advisable to introduce a fog-horn:—"If a candidate for initiation is afflicted with such deformity or impaired sense which would prevent him from being perfectly instructed in the art and mystery of Freemasonry, and, in his turn, instructing others, according to the ancient landmarks (Constitution, section 4, article viii), he should not be initiated. But, whether or not such defect exists, the lodge is the sole judge."

The Grand Lodge of Connecticut celebrated the centennial of its institution at New Haven on July 10th. The Grand Lodge was organized July 8, 1789, at the "Old Doolittle Tavern," in New Haven, which was on the site now occupied by the Theological School in that city, at the corner of Elm and College streets. For five years prior to the formal organization the matter had been discussed by Connecticut Ma-

sons. It is known that in 1784 delegates from the different lodges in Connecticut held a conference at New Haven and actually elected Grand Lodge officers, but it was not until May 1789, that definite action was agreed upon by the fraternity. The celebration was in every way worthy of the occasion.

Through the courtesy of Bro. Frank W. Baxter, Highgate, Vt., we received copies of local papers containing reports of Masonic meetings at Burlington. The Grand Lodge of Vermont met on June 13, when George W. Wing was elected Grand Master, and Levant M. Read, Grand Secretary. The condition of the Craft in Vermont may be gathered from the following:

Number initiated .....	372
"    passed.....	353
"    raised.....	357
"    demitted .....	129
"    died . ....	110
"    suspended.....	54
"    expelled.....	5
"    reinstated .....	20
Net gain.....	178
Total membership.....	8524
Cash receipts.....	\$2,791.40

The speech in Grand Lodge of that brother from Strathroy who advocated a grant from the Benevolent Fund for a deserving person was a proof that the true Masonic sentiment is not yet dead. A grant had been refused because some of the many formalities had not been observed, and the result is that benevolence is withheld because somebody blundered. The reception given that speech was a revelation that spoke volumes, and proved beyond a