

repeats and distorts beyond recognition, and may be you thus lose a friend.

We thank numerous brethren, among them M. W. Bros. Henry Robertson, Otto Klotz, and R. W. Bro. Wade, for their letters complimenting the management of THE CRAFTSMAN on its appearance and tone. We have also received numerous personal congratulations, all of which is very cheering. The brethren who so kindly forwarded club lists have our best wishes, and would receive more prominent notice only that several omitted to state the promoters of the lists, and justice, therefore, might not be done to those deserving it.

The members of St Andrew's Lodge, No. 16, Toronto, have arranged for a Grand Masonic excursion to New York. The trip will be by rail and boat, and excursionists will thus have an opportunity of enjoying the grand scenery on the Hudson river, which can only be witnessed with effect from one of the many excellent steamers that ply its waters. An efficient committee have the matter in charge, and judging from the success which attended past trips held under the auspices of this lodge the approaching one will be very enjoyable. Excursionists leave Toronto by Steamer Cibola, on Monday, 13th August. Tickets \$10.50.

The *New Zealand Masonic Journal*, published at Dunedin, gives an account of the annual meeting of the Grand Lodge of South Australia, held at Adelaide, April 18th. M. W. Bro. Hon. S. J. Wray, Chief Justice, and Chancellor of the University of Adelaide, was elected Grand Master. A

letter was read from the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, stating that the recognition of the Grand Lodge of South Australia, which had been withdrawn, would be reconsidered at the next meeting, and fraternal intercourse would doubtless be resumed.

The notice of motion given by Bro. Wade should be adopted next year, as it is a direct blow at plumping for one or two candidates. Every brother should vote for the required number; failing to do so he should be disfranchised. On this same line, every lodge should be represented at Grand Lodge, or else disqualified from voting through a proxy belonging to another lodge. And carrying the idea out still further, blanks in ballots should not be counted, as a brother who is so indifferent to the matter being voted upon as not to mark his ballot, should be ignored. Blanks ballots should not be counted as votes in a totality, such counting always being prejudicial to one side of the question or to one of the candidates.

The Grand Lodge of Connecticut has withdrawn its recognition as official organ from *Loomis' Masonic Journal* on account of its utterances relating to some trouble with Hiram lodge. We congratulate the *Journal* on being removed from organship. A Grand Lodge that requires an organ must be in a peculiar position. Organs are only in demand when wrong practices are to be defended, as those who do right need no champion. We do not know to what extent the *Journal* was the organ of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut perhaps merely its official mouth-piece;