

amendment will be adopted by Grand Lodge. Section 2 of the Constitution, under the heading of "Proposing Members," provides that,—

"No person shall be made a Mason unless he has resided one year in the jurisdiction of the Lodge to which he seeks admission, or produces a certificate of character from the nearest Lodge to the place of his previous residence; nor until he has been properly proposed at one regular meeting of the Lodge, and a committee has been appointed by the Worshipful Master to make the necessary inquiries into the character of the candidate, and his name, age, addition or profession, and place of abode, shall have been sent to all the members in the summons for the next regular meeting, when, after the committee have reported to the Lodge in his favor, he must be balloted for, and if approved, he MAY be initiated into the first degree of Masonry; but should the report be unfavorable, he shall be considered a rejected candidate."

. Any brother who has filled the position of D.D.G.M. of one of our Districts for a term, will be able to call to mind instances where the summons issued to the members of Lodges contained little or no information. If a candidate is to be balloted for, his name only is given, whereas the other particulars are every bit as important. For instance, "John Smith" is a candidate for Initiation. There are several John Smiths residing in the neighborhood; one is a contractor, and a very deserving, upright and honorable citizen; another of the same name has no business, but is styled a "gentleman," and has a record about which there is considerable mystery; while still another of the name is a merchant and is of evil repute. Now, if the full information is given in the summons, the brethren know that if the first party is the individual to be balloted for, it would be safe to vote in his favor. If the second, a most thorough investigation should be made, not alone by the committee of inquiry, but by every brother, before the person is balloted for, so that no injustice may be done him through idle reports, which may have been circulated by unscrupulous enemies, and also that the Lodge may not have an unworthy person thrust upon it, when his admission can only bring the Craft into contempt. If the latter is the party whose name is on the summons, the more unanimous the vote against his admission the more creditable to the Lodge; and we feel convinced that the adoption of R. W. Bro. Peplow's amendment will, in this and in other ways, prove beneficial to the Craft throughout the jurisdiction, as the receipt of these summonses will enable the D.D.G.M.'s to point out to the Lodges in what respect their summonses are incomplete and irregular. As the Constitution stands at present, the District Deputy Grand Masters are held responsible for the working of the Lodges in their respective Districts, but it is really a difficult matter for them to ascertain how the work is performed. It is little use of a D.D.G.M. visiting the Lodges at any distance from his place of residence, unless he first ascertains what work they have on hand, and he is therefore compelled to write to the W.M. or Secretary and make an appointment for a certain evening; consequently, a special summons is issued to the members requesting a good attendance, as "the D.D.G.M. of the District is expected to be present." But does the D.D.G.M. see the Lodge in its ordinary working order? We venture to say that in a very great majority of cases he does not, as an inspection of the Register will prove. At these appointed meetings, if the W.M. is incompetent to confer the degrees, he finds it convenient to be "out of town," "is not feeling very well, and cannot be present," and a well-posted P.M. of the Lodge or a skilled brother from a distance is on hand to do the work. Practically the D.D.G.M.'s time is thrown away on such a visit, and the Lodge is not in the slightest degree benefitted. With the proposed amendment, the D.D.G.M. would have all the work going on in his District continually before him, and he could, without any previous intimation, quietly present himself at any of the meetings, and by seeing the Lodges