

will have a salary attached to it—that is if it ever gets beyond the region of consideration—there are a number of brethren willing to sacrifice themselves, and each aspirant has friends by the score. Is it possible that they never read, “all preferment among Masons is grounded upon real worth and personal merit only?” If not, we suggest a search for the sentence.

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A communication has been received from an anonymous correspondent in the city, referring to the coming elections of Grand Lodge officers. The writer evidently misunderstands the mission of THE CRAFTSMAN. It is not a vehicle for giving vent to personalities, and consequently the communication is rejected. There are frequently modes resorted to by ambitious brethren to seek advancement which are thoroughly at variance with Masonic teachings, but we are not aware that the brother our correspondent referred to is worthy of censure in this respect. It is not only unwise but unfair to pass judgment hastily on those seeking preferment, and we therefore ask our correspondent to bear graciously with our decision in this case, but would be glad to hear from him on some subject when his liver is in better condition.

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Why should our lodges not be closed before an adjournment is made to refreshments, as suggested by a correspondent? This is the custom in many English lodges, and it works well. We are usually called to refreshments before conferring degrees, and when refreshments are over, and the lodge called on to labour again, the attendance has diminished, doubtless out of sympathy for the disappearance of the bread and

cheese. If the brethren could be induced to remain until all business and work is completed, the refreshments would lose none of their sociability, and be equally stimulating. It is possible that such a proceeding as is recommended would curtail the attendance at the festive board, but a like curtailment would take place in the cost of refreshments, and they would be enjoyed by those who honestly finish their work.

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The *Freemasons' Chronicle*, London, does not allow the rank or position of brethren who blunder to prevent it pointing out their failings, as the following extract shows:—“We do not know whether the members of that august body, the Board of General Purposes of English Freemasonry, are bereft of their senses, whether they are attempting to perpetrate a mild joke, or whether they are really in earnest, in making their latest report to the United Grand Lodge of England, but in either case we think they are going the right way to make themselves appear ridiculous in the eyes of the world, and will most certainly do no good to Freemasonry.” A remonstrance, kindly administered, is a more friendly and brotherly act than covering the delinquent's failings with apologetic praises. And yet there are some brethren who will not allow their vanity and faults to receive even a mild shock by way of rebuke.

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The statement has been frequently made that the continuous changes made in our constitution, are due to the number of legal brethren connected with the Craft. This is a mistake. Most of the brethren who imagine they are