

suspending publication owing to the indifference of the Craft in extending it their support. We hope brighter days have dawned since the appeal made in the September number, and that substantial assistance has not only been promised the publishers, but been cheerfully given them.

A telegraphic item has been floating through the daily and weekly papers to the effect that the leading powers of the Roman Catholic Church were disposed to look kindly upon Masonry. We do not believe it. The Roman Catholic Church is under no obligations in the past, and it recollects too well that the spread of liberalism in Catholic European countries is attributable to or associated with Freemasonry.

Why should a lodge of Past Masters be formed in Toronto? What good would it accomplish? Past Masters as a rule are so self-opinionated that a lodge composed exclusively of them would not be a success. They would, we fear, conceive the idea that it was their duty to control the Craft in the city, which would soon be resented by the brethren generally. If the P. M.'s have a desire to advance Freemasonry they have a fine field to labor in already, as many of the lodges in Toronto are sadly neglected by those who were once their rulers.

Our excellent contemporary, THE CANADIAN CRAFTSMAN, objects to being called the official "organ" of the Craft in Canada. 'Tis well. Those who make should be allowed to name. As the term "organ" implies connection with a crank, and we know our worthy

frater of THE CRAFTSMAN is not a crank, but a clear-headed, strong-hearted Mason, with the courage of his convictions, we withdraw the term "organ" and designate THE CRAFTSMAN one of the brightest, spiciest and best of Masonic journals.—*Tyler.*

R. W. Bro. A. T. C. Pierson, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota, died at his residence, St. Paul, on Nov. 26th. Bro Pierson had an attack of erysipelas, which brought on Bright's disease, the complication causing death. The funeral took place three days later at his own request, as he latterly expressed much fear of being buried alive. Bro. Pierson was born in New Jersey on August 29, 1817, and went to St. Paul in 1850. He was a zealous Mason, being prominent in Chapter, Commandery, Mystic Shrine and Scottish Rite, in which he had secured the thirty-third.

Now that the winter season is upon us, and the desire exists for social gatherings, considerable dissatisfaction is expressed at Grand Master Walkem's dictum that dancing must not be allowed in halls dedicated to Freemasonry. If the G. M. would use his powerful influence to banish liquor from the refreshment tables of Masonic lodges, especially when banquets are held in dedicated lodge rooms, we would not find fault with his opposition to dancing. Liquor drinking is certainly a greater evil than dancing. If evils are to be removed why not stamp out the most dangerous and debasing ones?

The Eighty-third annual conclave of the Grand Commandery K. T. of