

allusions strike you as applicable to the peculiar disease under which your brother is afflicted, don't smile and stare at him, don't nudge him with your elbow and whisper: Old boy that is meant for you sure. When I behold Brethren wearing that self righteous and self satisfied smirk, I feel like dumping a waggon load of stones among them and giving them the scriptural invitation to indulge in some stone throwing. I am afraid that the pile would be as large as ever at sun down. Let us have Charity and remember that man is frail and liable to err. Remember the old saying "If each one would sweep in front of his own door the whole street would be clean."

You can say to me: Your standard is too high. It is impossible to find a man to fill the position under all these conditions. Well brethren, let us strive to do the best we can, let us endeavor to live up to the standard as closely as it is possible for frail man, let us educate and qualify ourselves to such an extent that we may at all events be entitled to our skipper's certificate before we take charge of the ship with her valuable cargo.

If we desire a captain to take charge of a ship, do we not examine all his credentials before entrusting him with same? If we desire a teacher for our schools, do we not call for his references, not only as an instructor but also as to his moral standing? In fact for every vacancy in professional or mercantile pursuits, do we not carefully scrutinize the standing and ability of every applicant? How then do you account for the fact, that when we require a master for so important a body as this, that we pay little heed to his qualifications. We put the tiller in his hands competent or not, and run the risk of whether he gets us safely to shore or runs us on the rocks. From a business point of view, no insurance company would place a risk on either our ship, lives or cargo. Is it not therefore our duty to man our ships with none but competent seamen, holding first class certificates, to have every

plank in our ship sound, and bear such a good reputation that we will be ranked A 1, at the Masonic Lloyds.

The acquisition of the greater part of above qualification will depend greatly upon the brother's early training, but we do expect him to become thoroughly acquainted with the constitution, the by-laws, the ritual of the Order and the rules that are necessary to enable him to conduct aright the debates and discussions that will take place in the Lodge. Do you not agree with me when I state that very few masters in this city (the great centre of education for the Dominion and in fact of everything else that goes to make up a prosperous and happy people) are well versed in Masonic parliamentary law. Does not our skill in this direction depend upon our recollection of the rulings and doings of our immediate predecessor. If his conduct happens to be constitutional and according to parliamentary usage, we are in the right track, but if the debate should take a sudden turn, and motions and points of order introduced which are somewhat out of the ordinary and not often heard at our meetings, what a sorry spectacle we would cut. We never heard of such a point of order, and if some intelligent and well read Past Master does not come to our assistance, we will have to admit our inability to decide the question or will give such a ruling that will lose us the respect of some brother who has heretofore considered us as almost infallible. I am certain I will surprise some masters when I tell them that we have books on this subject, written by able brethren, and which should be studied carefully.

Worshipful brethren and wardens read and study all the literature of the Order which your means will allow you to obtain; educate yourselves thoroughly and thereby draw to your assistance and society intellectual and cultured men, and thus greatly enhance the prosperity and usefulness of your lodge.

How many of our masters from