

the matter. To expect agnostics to do that which is Masonic is to expect the impossible, because they are not *de jure* Masons at all, albeit they wear an apron, and no coercion is too severe for such men. What we should recommend is that the charter should be at once withdrawn and another issued to the brethren, minus those whose Masonic life is a lie, and who are doubtless readily enough identified."

It is a source of gratification to find the CANADIAN CRAFTSMAN, the official organ of the Craft in Canada, devoting some attention to our remarks upon the present weak and soulless ritual in use in that country. It is to be hoped, THE CRAFTSMAN will take up the subject in earnest, for its mission is the up-building of the Fraternity of Freemasonry, and in no way can this object be more surely achieved than in the removal of all soulless rubbish with which the work is cumbered. The present work of Canada is a thick, dark cloud, almost hiding the light which is the very life of the Order. Truly the soul of the Order is compelled to dwell in "darkness visible" in our sister lodges of Canada—they "see through a glass darkly."—*The Tyler*.—Please do not call THE CRAFTSMAN an organ. It does not aspire to such a dignity. It prefers an independence and outspokenness that organship would not allow. Its plainness of speech in pointing out what it considered defects or abuses induced a couple of Grand Lodge dignitaries to withdraw their subscriptions! And yet we live.—Ta, ta!

The quarterly communication of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania was held

in Philadelphia on September 4th, Grand Master MacCalla, editor of the *Keystone*, presiding. The Grand Secretary, Bro. Michael Nisbet, P. G. M., submitted his annual report, from which the following is taken :—

Number of Lodges December 27,	
1887	380
Constituted in 1888	4
Reorganized	1
Reinstated	2

387

Number members December 27,	
1887	38,545
Admitted	595
Initiated	1996

2,591

41,136

Suspended	504
Resigned	376
Died	521

1,401

Number of members December	
27, 1888	39,735
Gain in membership during the	
year	1,190

We congratulate Bro. MacCalla on the very respectable increase of membership during the year, and anticipate that it will continue. One reason for holding such a belief is the deep interest taken by the G.M. in Masonry, as he is constantly making official visitations, which must certainly be an inspiration to the brethren.

Comp. T. H. Caswell, of California, in his correspondence review says in reference to inability to pay dues :— "We have no sympathy with the sickly sentimentality which prompts a brother or companion to conceal his wants or necessities from those who are bound by a mutual obligation to aid and protect each other. The man who is unable to pay his dues deserves the kindest consideration and sympathy ; he, who being able, is unwilling, deserves only a vigorous application of good