

advantages over ours. There the Worshipful Master is selected for his mental endowments and educational training, and is re-elected year after year, sometimes for a long period, whilst the other members are content to occupy the minor chairs in their turns. Of course, in one sense this is not the way to popularize Masonry, but rather to keep it silent; and therefore if the accession of vast numbers be the great aim and object of the Craft, the German plan is not to be recommended. The question to be decided is, are mere numbers to be regarded as strength? Many of our best Masons will say 'No;' and that in extending so rapidly as we are doing we are sowing the seeds of dissolution. It is true that we are wealthy, that our charities are large and vigorous; but is it not possible that in advertising our good works, as we do in the public press, we are reducing ourselves to the condition of a mere benefit and mutual insurance society, and that members are now entering our portals for no other purpose than to share, or that their families may share in the supposed substantial benefits of our Order?

The following remarks of Brother Whytehead are so *apropos* of one of our editorials that we regret we did not see them in time to introduce them: "If members of lodges could only be brought to realize the true dignity and importance of Masonry, the chairs of our lodges would not be so often occupied by unsuitable brethren. If Masons had the honor and reputation of their lodges at heart, they would not imperil them by entrusting them to insecure hands. And lastly, if candidates took to heart the lessons of humility and dependence which are so early inculcated, the bulk of them would hesitate before aspiring to, or at any rate undertaking, an office for which a very moderate amount of honest reflection would satisfy them that they are utterly unfitted, or, at best, very partially qualified. A bet-

ter class of Masters would induce a higher order of candidates, and instead of finding the more intelligent of our members absenting themselves from lodge meetings, we should see our Order taking a much higher stand amongst our social institutions, attractive to men of culture, and not sought after by the vain and idle man nor regarded solely as one method of killing time or an excuse for conviviality.

Canadian Masonic News.

W. Bro. J. M. Caldwell was presented with a Past Master's jewel by the brethren of Evergreen Lodge, Lanark, on the eve of his departure from there for Winnipeg.

Bro. Robert Ramsay, 96°, Grand Master of the Sovereign Sanctuary of Canada, has been elected an honorary member of the Sovereign Sanctuary, with rank of Past Grand Master of the same.

M. W. Bro. Col. Moffat has recommended W. Bro. J. L. Jarvis, P. M. of Union Lodge, No. 380, G. R. C., London, to the position of Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, in the place of R. W. Bro. R. Ramsay, who recently resigned the same.

About thirty-five members of Pnyx Lodge, Wallaceburg, visited Marine City, Mich., recently, when the officers of the Lodge in that place were installed. The visitors were handsomely treated by the brethren of that city, who are invited to pay a visit to Wallaceburg this winter, and have promised to do so.

LAUDABLE PRACTICE.—St. Francis Lodge, Richmond, P.Q., has for several years subscribed and paid for three copies of *THE CRAFTSMAN*, for the use of its officers and members. We hope every Lodge in the Dominion will follow this laudable example. No other investment of a like small amount would contribute so much to the welfare of the craft.