

faithful discharge of his official duties, and his valuable services have never been extravagantly remunerated. The assertion made by the writer, also, that the annual bill for printing, including certificates, stationery, &c., amounting to upwards of \$1,300, goes into the pockets of the Messrs. White, is incorrect, as of that amount, over one-half of it is paid to Messrs. Chewett & Co., of Toronto, for certificates. In this bill is also included a large number of copies of the Book of Constitution, which, for convenience, appears as a debit in the Grand Lodge account, but which in reality are sold by Grand Lodge, and by which Grand Lodge is considerably the gainer. There are other items included in the annual printing bill, in which the Messrs. White have no interest.

As before our next issue the Grand Lodge of Canada will be in session, we refrain at present from any expression of our own views, or from any remarks which might be regarded as special pleading on the important questions then to be debated and determined. We feel satisfied, as we have before expressed, that the members of Grand Lodge will be guided, in every decision at which they may arrive, by an earnest desire to promote the best interests of Masonry; and that decision, whatever it may be, governed, as we believe it will be, by purely masonic principles, we entertain no doubt but that we shall cordially concur in. We will only venture to express the hope, that any bitter feeling which the present movement may unhappily have excited, will not pass the portals of Grand Lodge, and that the discussion which will follow, may be characterized by a display of that brotherly love and charity which should ever distinguish masonic meetings. Let each brother, while prepared freely to express his honest convictions, remember (in the words of our antient charges) that as Masons we must *say or do* nothing which may hinder brotherly love, so that all may see the benign influence of Masonry.

"Peace, greatness best becomes. Calm power doth guide
"With a far more imperious stateliness,
"Than all the swords of violence can do;
"And easier gains those ends she tends unto."

In another column, our readers will find a letter from the prolific, but able pen, of our esteemed friend and R. W. Brother Otto Klotz. May his shadow never be less! and long may he continue to favor us with the emanations of his very intelligent brain. Our correspondent will observe that, in our present editorial, we have ventured to cast a doubt upon the infallibility of Grand Masters, and will undoubtedly rejoice in the discovery that we are not prepared to swallow every doctrine, merely because a Grand Master may have uttered it! But at the same time, although it may appear to our readers that we seem to forget "that dignity which doth hedge a king," we shall at all times be ready to sustain them in all their legitimate official acts, and to pay due