

which is now painfully confined to two or three speakers, might be agreeably subdivided amongst half a dozen or more of the members of a lodge, and we feel convinced it would tend not only to enhance the pleasures and enjoyment of the brethren, but would stimulate inquiry and research, and a desire for perfection in all branches of Masonic work, which is at present lamentably unknown. — *Freemasons' Chronicle, London.*

DEDICATION IN NEWFOUND- LAND.

The 29th December, 1885, will long be remembered by the Masons of St. Johns, Nfld., as being the day when their Temple was dedicated to the purposes of Freemasonry.

Until this time, the craft here have held their meetings in a hired hall; but the brethren having felt that it was time to have a house of their own, held a meeting, and started a Joint-Stock Co. amongst the members of the craft, for the purpose of building a Temple, which resulted in the erection of a handsome three-storied wooden building, on one of the most commanding sites in the city, at a cost of about \$30,000. The lower storey is occupied by a school; the second storey is dedicated to Freemasonry, and contains Royal Arch Chapter rooms, Blue Lodge-room, Committee rooms, Ante-rooms, &c.; also, a room, which, I am informed, is intended for a library. The third storey is a public hall, which, I think I may say, is the largest in the city. On the day mentioned, the brethren assembled at their usual place of meeting, formed a procession, and taking with them their working-tools, jewels, charters, &c., marched to the new Temple, where they arrived at high noon; when the District Grand Master of England, Sir W. V. Whiteway, made an eloquent and appropriate speech, after which he dedicated the hall to Freemasonry, with the usual solemn ceremonies.

At eight o'clock on the evening of the same day, the officers of St. John's Lodge, No. 579, R. E., for the ensuing year, were installed by the District Grand Master, as follows:— W. M., Bro. John Pye; S. W., Bro. R. Pearce; J. W., Bro. J. A. Clift; Sec., Bro. John Jeanes; Treas., Bro. H. Carter; S. D., Bro. R. G. Rendell; J. D., Bro. R. A. Barnes; Stewards, Bros. A. Morgan and E. W. Bennett; Guard, Bro. F. W. Rendell; Tyler, Bro. Henry Earle.

After the installation, the District Grand Master congratulated Bro. Pye on having been re-elected to such an honorable position. The Worshipful Master responded with an eloquent speech, and thanked the brethren for having a second time chosen him as the Master of the lodge. During his remarks, he mentioned that this was the second time he had been honored by being the first Master installed in a new Masonic Temple.

TO UNDERSTAND THE TRUTHS OF FREEMASONRY.

That understanding of the truths taught by Masonry, and that appreciation of the obligation and duties of a Mason, which begets activity in the work, outside of, as well as in, the lodge room, is, in my opinion, the great need of the day and hour. In this, we are all deficient, and all and each of us responsible for that inertness which has well nigh reduced Masonry to an association of persons held together almost alone for the pecuniary benefit it may afford them. This, brethren, is the dark side of the picture, and it is mentioned because we enter the light through the darkness. The moral influence exerted by our beloved order is being felt in almost every locality in the State, but the morality of its membership does not come up to the standard erected by the teachings of the order. I would have its adherents learn more of that morality taught by Masonry, feeling assured that, these