

no new plan for the settlement of national disputes. It *may* not,—it *must* not,—directly insist upon any of these things. The leaven of its influence is far more conducive to the welfare of the human race, exerted upon the lines laid down by and followed by the Fathers, than any direct pressure it can exert upon statesmanship with the avowed object of reforming the world's methods of dealing with the disputes of nations. Masonry teaches that "the greatest thing in the world" is love : that of the three principal steps of the ladder that reaches from earth to heaven,—faith, hope and charity,—the greatest of these is charity. Extend the influence of Freemasonry until its leaven permeates the entire habitable globe; and the necessity for an open declaration of war to hostilities amongst men must cease to exist, for what man, what statesman, what nation shall raise hand against other, when every man shall be in reality a Brother man, and each shall love the other as himself,—as a member of a common brotherhood rejoicing in the common fatherhood of a God of love. If Masonry cannot influence the settlement of national disputes by arbitration or other peaceful means, by pursuing the paths the Fathers trod, in the old accustomed ways, any departure from those ways must not only result in signal failure, but must bring the order into disrepute and well-merited contempt. No, Brother Littlejohn, Masonry does NOT need to-day "some grand object for which the Masons of the world may unitedly labor." What objects can be grander, what more noble, what of better repute, what more humanitarian, what more God-like than those already inculcated by Masonry, and impressed upon her initiates throughout all time, by those teachings whose origin lays concealed in the tomb of the unrecorded and long forgotten past.

The total membership reported by Lodges in Wisconsin is 13,899, as against 13,646 at the end of the previous year.

One of the approved decisions of Past Grand Master Elliott, of this jurisdiction, is worthy of the attention of all the Brethren, and especially of Masters of Lodges. It is as follows :—

While the majority of a Lodge have the unquestioned right to manage the affairs of the Lodge, within Masonic restrictions, the Worshipful Master has an unquestionable right to prevent the adoption of any unmasonic measure or any measure whereby the funds of the Lodge will be wasted. He may refuse to