

times in the year for that which is no benefit to themselves or their families. We have no patience with that kind of Masonry." The same is true of Craftsmen who think it a burden to pay for a Masonic paper, or magazine, or book. Many dollars for pleasure—no dollars for real Masonic light—is their acted motto, and, consequently, they live and die in Masonic ignorance.—*A. M. Callahan, Kansas.*

HEROIC TREATMENT.

At the recent annual meeting of the Grand Lodge of New York, Grand Master Stewart, in his annual address, reported his action in arresting the charter of a Lodge, and causing charges to be preferred against the Master, Junior Warden and three members, which resulted in their expulsion. The Grand Lodge approved his action and forfeited the charter of the Lodge. The following is the case as presented :

"Shortly after the close of the last Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, information came to me that Zerrubbabel Lodge was admitting to membership persons of questionable reputation, that its communications were conducted in a manner inconsistent with the landmarks and laws of the Fraternity, and that many of its right-minded brethren, for these reasons, absented themselves from its communications. I communicated the information imparted to me to R.W. George W. White, District Deputy Grand Master of the 6th Masonic District, in which said Lodge is located, with instructions to make a thorough investigation, and to prefer charges, if necessary, to arrest the evil. I regret to say the investigation disclosed a condition of affairs so entirely foreign to the usages of Masonry, and so absolute a violation of the Constitution and Statutes, that it became necessary, in order to preserve the good name of our Craft, to act promptly. Accordingly, I arrested the warrant of the Lodge, and, on presentation of charges, appointed commissioners to try the Mas-

ter, Junior Warden, and three other brethren, one of whom was the last candidate initiated. I need not enter into a detail of the trial further than to mention the fact that on the evening the last candidate was initiated the disreputable place kept by him was raided by the police. All against whom charges were preferred were found guilty, and promptly expelled from the rights and privileges of Masonry.

While those in charge of the affairs of the Lodge were responsible for its wrong-doing, the fact remains that the great majority of its membership was composed of brethren, good men and true, who, rather than be participants in scenes of wrangling and discord, remained away from the lodge meetings. Recognizing the stigma placed upon these brethren by the disgrace of suspended warrant and the expulsion of the Master and others, and not believing it either right or just that it should remain upon them, I directed the Grand Secretary to receive, from the brethren of that lodge whose reputation and standing could not be questioned, the amount of dues charged against them, and thereupon issue a certificate enabling them to affiliate with other lodges. Fifty-four of these brethren, to whom such certificates were issued, petitioned for a dispensation to establish a new Lodge, which I granted, and fifty brethren affiliated with other lodges.

I believe the duty of the Grand Lodge is to forfeit the warrant of Zerubbabel Lodge, and thereby close a chapter in the history of the Craft which, let us trust, is never to be repeated.—*Masonic Advocate.*

A narrow-minded man is out of place in a Masonic lodge. There must be some breadth of thought and ideas in the true Mason. He should have magnanimity and generosity of feeling. He should have respect for the opinion of other people. The teachings of Freemasonry, by word and symbol, are very poorly illustrated by those Craftsmen who are full of prejudices, and who