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DECEMBER is a good month for our subscribers to pay up, so we enclose accounts to all in arrears,—and we trust, even if the amount is small, that they will not forget to pay.

IN sending in the amounts due, our readers will do us a favor if they would also send us the name of a new subscriber.

LET there be no illiterate craftsmen in Canada, every member should be a subscriber to a Masonic periodical. Masters of Lodges should consider it a part of their duty to educate their members in Masonic literature.

DECEMBER is a busy month for the craftsmen in all our Lodges. Many

newly installed Masters will remember Dec., 1896, as one of the pleasantest months in their lives. It is usual on such occasions to give some good advice to our new made rulers, but if they give heed to the advice given in the beautiful ceremony of their initiation, any we may give will be superfluous. We may, however, tender them the usual congratulations on their assuming the chair, and wish them great prosperity during their term of office.

THE Craft in Ottawa has suffered a great loss by fire in the destruction of their Masonic Hall on Dec. 3rd. The fire was one of the most serious that Ottawa has experienced for many years, a large block of buildings being totally destroyed. The total loss being \$300,000. The most serious loss, probably, is that of the Masonic library, valued at \$3,000, and which, though insured, can never be replaced, several rare and valuable works having utterly perished. The Scottish Rite are also heavy sufferers. The losses are very largely covered by insurance. One serious effect of the fire is that all the Masonic chambers were burned, there being no time for anything to be taken out of the building.