

of hardship that a Bro. who has served the Craft for years, perhaps, with "freedom, fervency, and zeal," should (if he by accident or visitation beyond his own control, become maimed or lose his leg), be debarred from accepting office upon that account. The case is altogether different when an applicant for degrees is physically incapable, because then the material is unfit for use; but to say that if a perfected stone in the building gets *chipped* that the edifice is so injured that it must be removed, even at the risk of bringing the surrounding stones about the workman's ears, is so forced a construction of the landmark that it possesses no weight worthy of consideration.

This Grand Lodge is about the same as Nova Scotia in point of numbers and Lodges, viz.: 58 Lodges and 2,664 members. The Grand Master congratulates the Craft on their steady increase in prosperity and harmony, concluding his concise address thus:

"In conclusion, Brethren, let me exhort you 'not to weary in well doing.' Study to make your Lodge meetings attractive. Cultivate in them a social spirit; good fellowship, properly guarded against intemperance or excess, promotes unity, and stimulates benevolent feeling. If a brother shows signs of dullness or disaffection, surround him with kind influences, and thus win him back to full fellowship. If a first or second attempt fails, try again. A true Mason is not easily provoked or discouraged. There will come petty jealousies and strifes. You will encounter trials by those who have unworthily sought the mysteries of masonry, and who, unable to reach its elevating aims, would fain debase it to their lower level. You will be tried by the indolence and indifference of those whose tastes and habits repel anything savoring of self-culture or self-denial. Such trials are part of the discipline of life; and we who endure them patiently and while enduring, continue to labor earnestly in behalf of truth and purity, will, in due time, receive an abundant reward."

Excellent reports are given by the various officers upon the subjects connected with their several departments. The finances appear to be healthy, receipts being \$3,225.26, expenditure \$1808.16, leaving a balance of \$1,489.60 in the Treasurer's hands, a much larger percentage of surplus than some others who, counting their receipts by *tens* of thousands, manage to expend nearly every cent of it.

An excellent special report by the Foreign Correspondence Committee upon the Grand Lodges of Utah and British Columbia, Hamburg, and Grand Orient of France was adopted, recognizing the two former, and *denouncing* the two latter for their interference with the Grand Lodges of New Jersey and Louisiana.

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