

I have in view a certain Lodge that has money in its treasury and is composed of good substantial brothers, that has not conferred a degree in two years; fifteen miles from it there is another Lodge that has all the work that one Lodge should do. The latter Lodge is composed of reading, thinking Masons; the former, the "havn't time" and "can't afford" it class. One believes that there is something else in Masonry besides the ritual, and working the fourth or eating degree; the other is content to accept the ritual as actual fact, and never fails to turn out when the eating degree is to be worked. One, a live Masonic Lodge that is a credit to this Grand Lodge, and the Craft; the other a discredit to both.

It is the non-reading Lodges that bring discredit to Masonry; they are always in trouble of some kind, just because they are too lazy or too penurious to buy and read Masonic literature.

Lodges that are composed of reading Masons exert an influence for good in the community where they are located; they are respected, and the anti-Masonic clique give them a wide berth. Anti-Masonry finds the most of its converts amongst the non-reading class; therefore, if you want to put a complete check to anti-Masonry, read more, think more, act more, and "practice what you preach." Do that and Popes may thunder their anathemas, the poor deluded anti's may fume and foam to the end of eternity, and they will be no nearer annihilating Masonry than they are now.

If you would have a live, intelligent Lodge, see to it that the literary features of Masonry are not neglected. Gather around you, reading, thinking men—no danger of your future prosperity, if you follow that course; but neglect it, and there is great danger.

Read, think, act, reflect, and you will not only benefit yourselves, and your own Lodge, but the whole Craft.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island and Indiana have recognised the Grand Lodge of New South Wales. These make 88 Grand Lodge recognitions of N. S. W.

THE members of Alpha Lodge, Parkdale, Ont., attend in full-dress. All lodges in cities should adopt this system as much as possible, and in the country the Worshipful Master and officers should certainly do so.

BRO. RAMSAY, as Past Grand Representative of the Mystic Shrine of Canada, has been requested to call a Convention of Nobles, for the purpose of organizing an Imperial Grand Council for the Dominion. It is questionable whether the Order will ever "take" in Canada.

Warrants for ten new English Lodges have been granted by the Grand Master of England during the past three months. Three of these are in New South Wales, one in New Zealand, one in North Borneo, one in London, one at Hampton Court, one at Manchester, one in Newmarket, and one at Stockton-on-Lees.

Bro. Fisher, of Vermont, says:—"The Grand Master of Pennsylvania, (M. W. Bro. Conrad B. Day,) did according to the traditions and landmarks of the Craft, if, as was no doubt the case, the person under age was the son of a Mason,—that is a lewis. By the Constitution of England, and according to the customs we have inherited, a lewis—that is the son of a Mason—may be initiated at the age of eighteen. This term lewis is derived from the iron clamp used in Operative Masonry, and inserted in large stones so as to give attachment to a pulley and hook to raise the stones. It is given in the English Ritual as one of the emblems on the tracing-board of an Entered-Apprentice.