

Craft, nevertheless enjoyed themselves. The building presented an animated and picturesque appearance, being effectively decorated with bunting, plants and flowers. It was to show that the Masonic Order has its social as well as charitable side and to give outsiders an idea of the handsome rooms the Montreal Masons now have, that the Directors hit upon the happy idea of last night's gathering. The guests who numbered over a thousand, were received by the following lady patronesses: Mrs. I. H. Stearns, Mrs. Fred. Massey, Mrs. Frank Edgar, Mrs. John McLean, Mrs. Will. H. Whyte, Mrs. J. B. Tressidder, and Mrs. G. C. Nicholson. At 9.30 the guests assembled in the music hall, where an impromptu concert was held, and an address of welcome to the "housewarming" extended to those present by R.W. Bro. Tooke, President of the Temple Company. Songs were rendered by Mr. and Mrs. G. H. McLean, Miss Langstaff, R. H. Bartholomew, W. J. Venables and W. M. Miller; a recitation by G. Severs, piano solos by Mrs. Lewis and Miss Gray, and a French-Canadian dialect recitation by Fred. Shaw. At the conclusion of the programme an adjournment was made to the large hall upstairs, where dancing was indulged in to the strains of Ratto's orchestra. At midnight refreshments were served.

WE were amused at reading an article in a country newspaper, written apparently by a novice in Masonry, which attacks a Masonic journal in this city for the want of "Brotherly Love," and then proceeds to enlighten the readers of that paper on what he conceives to be the true principle of

brotherly love, by a criticism on the articles found in that journal. We make a short extract of his ideas of what this masonic journal teaches, and his duty to his obligation, of laying this same criticism before the "profane" as an object lesson of "how these Masons love one another." We would suggest to the brother in future if he has any "dirty linen to wash" he should do so in his back yard and not hang it out to dry on the front fence:

"Some of the articles are so grossly offensive that no respectable secular journal would admit them to its columns. The basest of insinuations against some of the brethren and the coarsest expressions are used to express what could easily be written by any person with a pure mind in respectable language. Masons may well despair of improvement if such is a fair sample of the Masonic press. There can be no doubt of the correctness of the statement that Masonry, during the last decade, has lost its high social status in Toronto if this writer is a sample of the people who edit Masonic papers. Can it be expected that men of high social standing will belong to a fraternity that permits unjust aspersions to be cast upon them with impunity? Of course the country Mason do not expect to associate with the men of high social standing who daily eat meat and break bread with this dainty editor, but certainly do expect and require, those with whom we associate to use more courteous language, even if it is not considered an accomplishment by the Masons of such high social standing."

In another issue of the same paper, our young friend gives the readers of that paper an insight into the high aims that animate Masonic journals. He proceeds to inform his readers "that there is little that is secret in Masonry, outside of the means of recognition and