

in a prominent position in the lodge at every meeting. We have great pleasure in recording this fact. There will be no solicitation nor compulsion, and brethren can contribute just when and what they like. The example is a good one, which we hope to hear that other lodges can see their way to follow. That relief is a fundamental principle of our order cannot be too often impressed upon us all, and we congratulate Brother Cook and the brethren who unanimously supported him in the expeditious and graceful manner in which they carried a useful and practical resolve.

“The Flaneur” of the *Toronto Mail* has on several occasions made complimentary reference to THE CRAFTSMAN, and in a recent issue of our big contemporary this writer, speaking of THE CRAFTSMAN, said:—“I am glad to see that this plucky little journal is making headway. Since THE CRAFTSMAN has been located in Toronto a marked improvement in the paper has taken place. Not only is it well printed, but, what is of much more consequence, it is well written. The contributors have something to say and they know how to say it. There is occasionally some rather hard-hitting to be found in the columns of THE CRAFTSMAN, but never any unfair blows. Those members of the Craft who complain that they do not buy Masonic journals because they are all so dry and uninteresting should just glance over the columns of the journal I am referring to, and they will then probably think it to their interest to continue to do so.”

A correspondent of the *Hebrew Standard*, New York, points out the

appearance of an article in that journal which spoke of “an unparalleled success” in Masonic matters. The great success was the reception of 76 candidates during the year just closed by Mount Nebo Lodge, Henry S. Herman, W. M. This “unparalleled success” was made the subject of rejoicing by the lodge, and the W. M. was lionized. The correspondent further points out how the lodge was called on the same day to attend the funeral of a brother who had been actively connected with it for thirty years, but a strange part of the affair was that not one member of the lodge, even the energetic W. M. included, visited the home of the bereaved family. At the grave, three Master Masons of different lodges undertook to give the late brother Masonic burial, as it was the wish of the deceased that he should be so interred. As the ritual was read, brethren felt that they were taking part in a farce, but nevertheless they completed their self-imposed task rather than disregard the dying wish of a brother who was unfortunate enough to have been connected with the “unparalleled success.” By what peculiar gauges Masonic success are measured, and what strange ideas some people have of Freemasonry.

Those members of the Craft who take the trouble to glance over the balance sheets of the Lodges to which they belong, have doubtless noticed one considerable item in the expenditure column, entered as “Hall Rent.” In several financial statements that we have seen this has been the most prominent and principal item, and it certainly does appear to be out of all proportion to the resources of