

the funds shall not be members of any other committee, thus enabling them to devote all their Masonic time and energies to a proper distribution of the funds entrusted them.

The following from the *South Australian Freemason* applies to other jurisdictions:—We observe a far greater alacrity on the part of some brethren to rush into the daily journals with reports of installation and other Masonic meetings, than there exists in regard to allowing such reports to appear in this paper. We presume the wider area of publication has something to do with the "disease."

We have received from the publisher, Bro. George Kenning, London, Eng., a copy of "Masonic Orations," by Bro. Metham, P. D. Prov. G. M. of Devon, with an introduction by that Masonic veteran, Bro. W. J. Hughan. The orations consist of addresses delivered at Masonic hall dedications, installations, etc., and are not only instructive but inspiring to Masonic students. The proceeds from the sale of the book, which is sold at 5s., are for a Masonic charity.

Arrangements have been made with the publishers of *The Cottage Hearth*, Boston, to club that monthly with THE CRAFTSMAN. *The Cottage Hearth* is an excellent monthly, prepared specially for home reading, and needs only an introduction at the fireside to make it a regular visitor. This arrangement will enable our brethren to not only supply themselves with Masonic literature, but also their wives and children with the choicest reading that can be

found in any magazine. THE CRAFTSMAN and *The Cottage Hearth* can be obtained for \$1.50 per year. The regular price of *The Cottage Hearth* is \$1.50 a year. For other particulars see advertisement.

The vote cast in Grand Lodge in favor of the third degree amendment is frequently spoken of as an index of the popularity of the movement. It will be recalled that the amendment to the constitution nearly secured two-thirds of the votes cast, but perhaps it is not known that artful means were resorted to in order to secure support. Among the combinations entered into was one that pledged the supporters of the amendment to vote for a certain matter provided its supporters voted with them. As that certain matter had many friends, but wanted as many more as possible, both sides profited by the deal. If our constitution requires amending let it be done honestly, and not upon a basis of party politics.

The threatened action against the Toronto Board of Relief is still engaging the attention of certain solicitors. We understand that the defendants will make no defence, claiming that the alleged slanderous publication was a clerical error. Some of the lodges associated with the Board threaten to withdraw if the names of recipients of assistance are again printed in the reports of disbursements. Such information, they claim, ought to be furnished privately to each lodge, and not by means of a printing press. The brother who threatens legal proceedings against the Board will do himself irreparable harm in the eyes of many