

Let him do anything rather than nothing. In this age of enlightenment it is criminal to do nothing. Now that so many Past Masters are usually attentive members of their Lodges, and always ready to counsel with the present Master, always willing to give him advice; now that "the school-master is abroad in the world," and printed Grand Lodge Proceedings and Masonic journals are replete with information and suggestions on almost every proper Masonic topic, the Master of a Lodge who does not possess a fecund mind, a talent for thought, a capacity to originate, may supplement his own capacity or incapacity in a hundred ways, and give his Lodge the benefit of it every time. He *must* do this if he would be faithful to his trust. Let us give him a practical example of what we mean. We will say the stated communication for May has just closed. At once the Master should resolve, I will make the June meeting a memorable one, in every way that I can. I will turn over a new leaf then, and thereafter I will try to turn over a new leaf regularly at every recurring meeting. I will (1) be punctually present and open the Lodge "on time." If the officers are not "minute men" I will temporarily fill their places—the Lodge *shall open* at the hour fixed by the By Laws. Then (2) Since we have some work, I shall perform it to the best of my ability, so that it shall be as nearly as possible faultless, both in correctness and impressiveness. That done (3) I will take advantage of whatever shall occur in the interim between the present time and the date of our next meeting to bring it in an inter-

esting manner before the Lodge. If I find we are to have several applications for initiation and membership, I will be prepared to say an encouraging word to the Lodge concerning it—since during the past year work has been dull with us. If a member should die in the interim, I will speak to several of his intimate friends among the brethren, and have them pronounce brief eulogies upon his memory. If I know intimately some Master of another Lodge, I will consult with him and learn whether he, with his officers and some of his members, will not pay a fraternal visit to my Lodge. I will visit the members of my Lodge whom I know to be sick, and report the results of these visits to the Lodge. I will invite one or more or all of the Grand Officers to make a formal, or informal, visit to the Lodge. I will invite several Masters of Lodges whom I know intimately to visit us at the next meeting. I will invite several Past Masters of other Lodges to visit us, and notify them that I shall expect them to make a brief response when I call upon them. I will myself address a few words of counsel, advice and encouragement to my Brethren. I will—but space fails us to mention all of the possible "I wills." Let any W. M. practise upon only two or three, or even one of these resolves, diligently, ambitiously if you please, and earnestly, and our word for it the result will be that he will soon double the average attendance at his Lodge, double the number of applications for the degrees, double the pleasure and instruction afforded to all of his fellow-members, and make a name for himself in the annals of the Lodge, of