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"OF AGE."

In another month "THE CRAFTSMAN" will have reached the full age of twenty-one years!

It may now well be ranked among the "veterans" in Masonic journalism.

We may, without being rightfully accused of being over self-complaisant, say that we think our readers are of the opinion that "THE CRAFTSMAN" not only does not show any of the signs of the decrepitude of age, but that it has been, and is, giving unmistakable indications of "renewing its youth," if we may judge from the many flattering commendations received from leading brethren throughout the Dominion and in foreign countries.

"THE CRAFTSMAN" purposes suitably to celebrate its coming "of age," the attainment of its "majority"—and expects to begin "the new era" under still more favorable auspices, of which we will have more to say in due time.

Brethren in arrears,—all over-due accounts should be closed on or before, December 31, 1887. A "new set of books" will be opened January, 1888! Let all take due heed thereto and govern themselves accordingly!!

Our thanks are due to R. E. Sir Knight Chas. E. Pierce, of Boston, Mass., for a copy of a rather unique notice calling a meeting of Beausiant Commandery, K. T., of Malden, Mass. It is printed on a fine quality of Japanese paper, with an elegant border in variegated colors, and presents a very neat appearance.

LODGE LIBRARIES.

When I visited ——— Lodge, I asked the courteous W. M. to show me their Lodge Library. "Library!" said he, somewhat abashed at the question,—“Lodge Library!—why we haven't any!” “What,” I ventured to remark,—“a Lodge of Freemasons, in these days, without a library! I am more than surprised! Haven't you a book-case?” “No!” “Where do you keep what books belong to the Lodge, copies of Grand Lodge Proceedings, &c.?” “The fact is,” said he, “the Lodge owns but few books, and I think the papers, proceedings, &c., are kept in the Secretary's desk!” He went and looked in the desk and found some of the proceedings, but the sum was very small.

My good brother, the W. M., looked more confused than before, and it delighted me to observe that the lesson intended by me was being taken to heart, for he at once remarked,—“I have been thinking that we ought to have a Lodge Library! and I really must move in the matter.”

“Yes,” I said, “my dear W. Sir, do get a good book-case forthwith, and immediately thereafter, appoint or have elected, some good, suitable brother for Lodge Librarian, and if you and your officers and brethren thereafter do your duty, you will have sown seed which will produce an abundant harvest!”

I shall make a note of what has been done when I again visit your lodge, three months hence.

SPIRITUAL Temple-building is the burden of all enobling sacred symbolism.