

represented, a brother some months deceased could easily be nominated for office in good faith and with the best of intentions. Masonry would be largely benefited were such appointments regular occurrences, as dead lions are frequently preferable to live dogs.

Many people are disposed to look upon the New Zealanders as little better than savages, and almost beyond the pale of civilization. In some respects the brethren out there are in advance of many Canadian Freemasons, as at a recent installation ceremony the charity box was passed around and over \$16 was promptly collected. In Glasgow it is customary to pass the charity box around while the "charity charge" is being delivered. The collection of funds for charitable purposes, where promptness is an essential, was too practical a subject for ritual revisors and constitution changers to grapple with, but such a fact need not deter private lodges from passing around the charity box while at refreshments.

The Masonic fraternity of Montreal are moving in the direction of securing a temple. It is proposed to apply for incorporation by letters patent, and form a joint stock company, with shares at \$10, the capital stock to be \$99,000. If a suitable building can be procured when sufficient is subscribed it will be remodelled; if not, land will be purchased, and a temple erected thereon. The lower flat will be rented as stores, the second flat will be suitable for a lecture room, the upper flats as business offices, and what is usually the most unprofitable part of a building, the top flat, will be con-

veniently arranged as lodge rooms, etc. We wish our enterprising brethren of Montreal every success in their venture and will be pleased to chronicle, from time to time, such movements as take place in the enterprise.

We often expect too much of Freemasonry, and we always expect too much of Masons. Masons are human beings, and Masonry can only make the Mason the best of his kind. The Masonic order, therefore, cannot be any better than the men who compose its membership; but Masonry never made men worse, and it has made many men better than they would have otherwise been.—*Grand Master Estee, of California.*

We should not expect more of Freemasonry than it teaches, but we should expect from Masons a little more adherence to the practices which many of them continually preach about. A moderate amount of consistency in this respect would benefit the votaries of the Craft, and the good name of the Institution would then be maintained.

At the late meeting of the Grand Lodge of Canada an attempt was made to make the third degree the degree for transacting business instead of the first. Those brethren who can hardly believe that in the last century an Entered Apprentice lodge was the lodge for business, will be surprised to learn that the CANADIAN CRAFTSMAN deems that the only proper mode. So does custom govern the proprieties.—*Masonic Token.*

Proprieties and common sense govern in Canada. A candidate in this jurisdiction pays the entire initiation fee prior to his admission, and all our ceremonies speak of him as a Mason, and not as a fractional part of one. An Entered Apprentice who abides by his obligation is as capable of giving an intelligent vote, and his mind is as receptive for knowledge, as if he were a Master Mason. Unfortunately accumu-