

at reformation have proven unavailing, should neither be allowed to retain his membership nor be given a dimit. There should be a Masonic trial upon charges. Masons as a general rule are too cowardly about this matter. They are afraid to enforce the laws for fear of making enemies of this class of Masons and thereby suffer in their business. There should be in every lodge a committee on discipline, and they should be directed by the Worshipful Master to prefer charges against every member who will persistently drink or gamble; and if the committee neglect or refuse to do their duty, then the Worshipful Master should prefer charges against the committee.

DRONES.

In all Masonic as well as other bodies there will always be found a class of members, and a numerous class of them at that, that may justly be entitled the "no goods" of the order. It is true they pay their annual dues whenever called upon, and, as a rule, ask no benefit in the way of charity; so that, as far as that portion of their duties are concerned, they assist in the support of the lodge; but having done this—to them important duty—their interest in the welfare of the fraternity ceases. To their own minds they are the philanthropists of the Order. Outside of the lodge, if Masonic matters are spoken of, they shake their heads and look wise, tell what ought to be done and what they would do, but when meeting night arrives are generally conspicuous by their absence; or, if present, their voices are never heard in debate, their silence being often misleading, as indicating they favor the proposition under discussion, until, should its adoption lead to embarrassment, their "I told you so" will then loudly be heard. We allude to the different members who, by their acts, are governed by the "don't care whether school keeps or not" principle. It is immaterial to them whether the Order

progresses or not. Wanting nothing personally, they care nothing for the interests of others, or the welfare of the body. It is sufficient for them that they are members in good standing of the ancient fraternity, and have the right, as they generally do, to wear a Masonic charm somewhere about their clothing. Why, even the "chronic growler" is preferable as a member; for the growler, while he does some little harm and wastes time, shows even by his growling that he takes an interest in passing events, and watches what is going on, and it is much more conducive to the welfare of the many that all speak out at the time, rather than wait until after the damage is done. Brother, if you are an indifferent member, think this over, and become at once an active one; for the more active members your lodge has, the better it will be for Masonry.

PUNCTUALITY.

Want of punctuality in opening the lodge-room is a grave fault. Masters should open in time so as to be able to close at a seasonable hour. In this respect Masons should take a lesson from business men. Another cause of non-attendance is the incompetency of some masters—men not possessing sufficient love of Masonry, brains or application to get up the work or perfect themselves in the literature of the Craft so as to make the meetings of the lodge more attractive and enjoyable. Some may say we expect too much; we will be satisfied if we get for a master one who can render the ritual correctly, who, although not a strictly moral man in every sense of the word, is still a good fellow, and will be sure to attract jovial fellows to the lodge. Unfortunately for such arguments, your jovial fellow in the general acceptance of the term is not intended for Masonry, nor is Masonry intended for him. He never obtains a proper idea of the mission of Masonry. He joins for the good time he expects