

"of Man." We claim that our order is "ancient and honorable;" and if we are proud of its past history, it certainly behooves its votaries to make use of all honorable means attainable to make sure that our society, which has stood the test of time, shall move forward in the future in all things which tend to the improvement and advancement of our brotherhood.

"The history of Masonry proves that its votaries have ever been the promoters of progress and improvement, and that the human race has received and derived great benefit from the existence of our order. No organization which history records can lay claim to preserve the rights of the individual as does our institution.

"As the roots of a thrifty tree stretch out into the earth as widely as do its branches into the air, and so come into relation with their surroundings, so does Masonry interlace with and takes its form and pressure, its growth and bent, from contemporaneous matters. The need of Masonic books, to obtain a comprehensive knowledge of the origin and progress pertaining to our institution, and to learn of its growth and development make apparent the necessity for the collection of Grand Lodge Libraries, that members of our order can look into the medium of the printed page, which the authors and writers of the past and present, making history, leave to the fraternity for each generation."

"That place that does
Contain my books, the best companion is,
To me a glorious court, where hourly I
Converse with the old sages and philosophers."

Grand Secretary reports *inter alia* that he has received during the year the large sum of.....\$85,511 43
Also for interest on deposits 128 07

Giving a total for the year's increase of.....\$85,639 50
which large amounts seem by the Grand Treasurer's Report to have been expended, the Hall and Asylum Fund for fees and taxes absorbing \$45,794.50.

In the list of Masonic Magazines and Periodicals, we observe one which we mightily covet, "The Canadian Masonic Pioneer," not on account of any intrinsic value pertaining thereto, or that it contains any wonderful amount of talent, but it was the writer's first and only effort in Masonic literature.

The Grand Secretary's report exhibits a large amount of work performed by that officer in the execution of his duties during the past year.

The report of the Board of Relief is very interesting, exhibiting a distribution of \$1,723.81 during the year.

The particulars of some of the expenditures are given, showing to whom, and under what circumstances, relief and assistance was granted. They lay bare terrible scenes of want and suffering, but too common amongst those who belong to us living in large cities.