

This may only be accomplished in one way, which is by a regular attendance at the Lodge. It effects three objects, viz: it stimulates every member to select the best materials for office; they can thus better appreciate the merits of those filling them; it strengthens the officers that have been selected, and it enables all the members of the Lodge to determine the worthiness of those applying at their outer doors for admission to dwell with them. The reverse of all these tends to widen the breach of fraternal ties. At elections we find a preponderance of members at their Lodges who make it a point to be in attendance on that night, and their votes are influenced by those who run the machine with bad results. Craftsmen who make it a business to be prompt at every communication, seek for and obtain positions; being imbued with a great deal of assurance and overflowing with ambition, their mistaken zeal is generally rewarded, and in time the Lodge is given a Master as totally unfit to rule and govern an intelligent body of Masons as a plough-boy clothed with the ermine is to administer justice in equal poise. This is the root of the evil—sensitive brethren absent themselves from their Lodges, while others, inspired with an unworthy spirit of vindictiveness, resort to the use of the cube, and eminently fitting material are rejected to soothe their spleen.

Select fitting officers in *all* stations; for any Mason of experience knows what is required even in the selection of a master of ceremonies. How often do we observe that in 'presenting the novitiate to the Master-workman that they *are not* duly and truly prepared? Yet these minor details are in many cases overlooked, either from ignorance in the Master, or fear of offending the incompetency of the brethren. These omissions lead the student astray, while the self-glorified brother assumes the flatteringunction that he has done well, and looks forward to advancement. With a limited knowledge of not only the ritual of our art, but who are totally deficient of even a common-school education, many imagine that they are superior to everything which makes a model Master.—*Corner Stone.*

FREEDOM.—A man that loves his own fireside, and can govern his own house without falling by the ears with his neighbors, or engaging in suits at law, is as free as a Duke of Venice.—*Montaigne.*

Reason and virtue alone can bestow and continue liberty.—*Shaftesbury.*

MASONIC RECORD.

AT HOME.

At the regular meeting of Zetland Lodge, Toronto, held November 24th, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Bro. J. B. Nixon, W. M.; Bro. R. J. Hovenden, J. P. M.; Bro. J. W. O'Hara, S. W.; Bro. H. M. Graham, J. W.; Bro. J. D. Henderson, Chap.; Bro. D. Spry, Treas.; Bro. J. S. Macdonald, Sy.; J. L. Dixon, Tyler.

At the regular meeting of Wilson Lodge, No. 86, Toronto, held on Tuesday evening, November 21st, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Bro. R. T. Coady, W. M.; Bro. Alex. Patterson, J. P. M.; Bro. Joseph Wright, S. W.; Bro. F. A. Skelton, J. W.; Bro. Samuel Harris, Treas.; Bro. H. McCaw, Rep. to M. H. B. Trustees; Bro. J. L. Dixon, Tyler.

At the regular meeting of Doric Lodge, No. 316, held on Wednesday evening, November 22nd, in the Masonic Hall, Toronto, the following brethren were elected office-bearers for the ensuing Masonic year: Bro. H. A. Collins, W. M.; Bro. John A. Cowan, S. W.; Bro. George J. Fitzsimmons, J. W.; Bro. J. H. Cornish, Treas.; Bro. Wm. Jardine, Secy.; Bro. D. Scott, Rep. to M. H. B.; Bro. J. L. Dixon, Tyler.

At the regular meeting of Occident Lodge, No. 346, Toronto, held on Wednesday evening, December 7th, the following officers were installed: W. Bro. James Wilson, 18°, W. M.; V. W. Bro. Bernard Saunders, I. P. M.; Bro. William Watson, 18°, S. W.; Bro. John Gray, J. W.; Bro. James Price, jr., Treas.; Bro. John Linton, Secy.; Bro. John Campbell, Chaplain; Bro. William Walker, S. D.; Bro. William Cruik, J. D.; Bro. Reuben Millichamp, M. of C.; Bro. Ezekiel J. Firman, S.; Bro. E. B. Gibson, I. G.; Bro. John Will, Tyler. The ceremony of installation was performed by R. W. Bro. Spry, 32°, assisted by V. W. Bro. T. Sargent, 31°.

At the Regular Convocation of Hiram Chapter, No. 2, R. A. M., held in the Masonic Hall, Hamilton, on the evening of December 4th, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year, viz: R. E. Comp. Gavin Stewart, Z.; R. E. Comp. J. E. Mc-