

THE Grand Lodge of Nebraska provides that Master Masons who have been in good standing thirty years, and who have reached the age of sixty-five, may be exempted from all lodge dues and the lodge exempted from dues on such members to the Grand Lodge. It would be as well for the Grand Lodge of Canada, and other Grand Lodges to adopt a similar law. If subordinate Lodges, would make by-laws to the same effect, the spectacle of "kicking the old man out" would be a thing of the past.

THE lease of the Masonic Hall, Toronto Street, in this city will soon expire, and it is time steps were being taken by the Hall Trust, to build the Masonic Temple that has been for so long a time under consideration or to secure new premises. From the lukewarm manner in which the Temple building has been taken hold of by the brethren, there seems to be no hope of their pushing the matter to a conclusion. The present building is not suitable. It was good enough thirty years ago, but the Craft must have better means of reaching their hall than by trudging up a long flight of stairs. The Foresters' Temple, that is now building at the corner of Richmond and Bay Streets, has, we believe a hall laid out suitable for the Craft, with all the necessary banqueting rooms, committee rooms, chapter rooms, etc. It will have a first-class elevator service, and will have vaults for the security of books and records of the Craft. The building is architecturally one of the finest, as well as the highest in the city, and is made fire proof. The ventilation and all appurtenances are up to date

and if the Craft can secure a long lease, which we have no doubt they can, they will have a hall that will be a credit to the Order. It would be advisable for the Hall Trust to consider this matter at once, so if any alterations are required, they can be attended to before the building is finished.

THE Editor of *The Tyler*, Detroit, wants to know the religion of the editor of THE CRAFTSMAN. We would have great pleasure in enlightening the brother, but "at our initiation we were taught to be cautious," and as an international anti-Masonic Congress is being held at Trent, and our good Cardinal Mgr. Taschereau of Quebec, has appointed a committee of five laymen and three ecclesiastics to assist the said congress and watch the faithful, it might be dangerous to tell our worthy brother that we are a Jesuit, and so under the circumstances we must decline to satisfy his curiosity.

THE eight hundredth Anniversary of the Crusades is being celebrated in various ways in Europe just now. Never was there a better time for the Knights Templar of the United States and Canada to enter upon a crusade against the Mahometan infidel than there is to-day. It is their duty to raise public opinion on this question, until by a union of the two nations, the great assassin that defies Christendom shall be driven from his throne.

The Grand Master of the Sovereign Great Priory Knights Templar of Canada, M. E. Fra. W. H. Whyte, of Montreal, has appointed the following members to office:—John E. Harding, Q.C., Stratford, Grand Vice-Chancel-