

thing, and one thing only, the present necessity of the applicant. If we depart from this principle we go grievously astray.

“There is an entire sermon in the above brief sentences which should be carefully digested by those who pretend to distribute relief, and the digestion should begin in Toronto.

Continued ill-health, and a constitution far from robust, compel me to withdraw for at least some months from the editorial management of THE CRAFTSMAN. Even if the work has been a pure labour of love this step is taken with reluctance, for when a labour of love however, is too frequently associated with a throbbing brain or a feverish pulse then it becomes a tedious grind, and is manifested in various ways. I hope in the near future to renew pleasant acquaintances thus suddenly sundered, and around which cling such recollections as will afford me pleasing day dreams while the process of recuperation is progressing.

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Past Grand Master Spry, as Grand Master Workman of the A. O. U. W. was a decided success last year, and presided at the recent annual session in this city in his usual suave and impartial manner. Another member of the Craft who merits mention is Bro. D. F. MacWatt, of Barrie, who is as highly appreciated by the members of the A. O. U. W. as he is by those of the Masonic fraternity.

The following item recently went the rounds of old country papers, “Her Majesty the Queen has graciously consented to become a Patron of the Grand

National Masonic Bazaar, to be held at Edinburgh at the end of this year, for the purpose of raising the sum of £10,000 towards the extended scheme of Scottish benevolence. The arrangements of the bazaar are being carried out under the direction of the Grand Master, Sir Archibald Campbell, Bart., and the Hon. Lady Campbell.

Some years ago Bro. J. G. Howard, of Toronto, whose death is chronicled elsewhere, offered the Masonic fraternity of Toronto a magnificent site, consisting of twenty acres of High Park, overlooking the lake, for the purpose of erecting a Masonic asylum and home. The only condition was that the building should be commenced and the land fenced in within a year. For some reason the fraternity failed to take advantage of his offer. To-day the property could not be purchased for \$300,000. The trouble in Toronto is that several brethren aspire to be the big toad in the puddle, and unless they father some scheme no efforts are spared by them to thwart the good intentions of others. The latest demonstration of this was when a proposal was made not long since to secure a site for a Masonic temple. Benevolent people die but mischief-makers and selfish brutes seem to live forever.

Grand Master Stearns favors the erection of a Masonic home in his jurisdiction (Quebec). A sensible proposition, but one that has not yet forced itself upon the lights in this province. Bro. Stearns in his recent address said:

“The formation and organization of a Masonic home would be a noble work of charity, and ought to receive special attention from the Masonic fra-