

the initiation of new members, solely for the sake of the fees; for, where that is the case, improper material is sure, sooner or later, to be used in our Mystic Temple, and deep and everlasting regret entailed upon the Brethren."

The Proceedings of several European Lodges and other Foreign Grand Bodies are also reviewed.

No. of Master Masons 17,759.

M. W. Joseph D. Sayers, G. M., Bastrop.

R. W. George H. Bringhurst, G. S., Houston.

#### UTAH—1875.

The M. W. Grand Lodge of Utah commenced its Fourth Annual Communication at Masonic Hall, Salt Lake City, on Tuesday, 9th November, A. L. 5875. M. W. Charles W. Bennett, presiding.

Six Lodges represented.

The G. M. refers pathetically to the loss sustained by the Craft in the death of M. W. W. Mercer Wilson, G. M. of Canada, and claims for his widow, now residing in the jurisdiction of the G. L. of Utah, such sympathy as should be found welling up in every Masonic heart, which has freely imbibed the lessons taught in the work in which her late husband sustained such a prominent and noble part.

"The increase in membership has not been as large in the past as in previous years, which is deemed rather a matter of congratulation than otherwise, inasmuch as it evinces greater care in the selection of material for their mystic temple. Better slow sound growth, than rapid development, which may by and by be marred by defective material too hastily selected."

Good sound doctrine.

The Lodges are, in the main, in a flourishing condition. The G. M. advises the adoption of a standing regulation prohibiting the practice of installing into office by proxy.

This young star in the Constellation of Grand Lodges has already a very respectable Library, mainly due to the unremitting efforts of its persevering and indomitable Secretary, R. W. Christopher Diehl, who is at one and the same time Grand Secretary, Librarian and Chairman of Committee on Foreign Correspondence, and judging from his very admirable and inspiring reports, he is quite equal to

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