

"open public work in which every member of the Craft should have an active interest. It is not organized for the purpose of extending pecuniary aid to persons having special claims upon our City Lodges, but is intended as almoner of such Lodges to sojourners who are temporarily in want of assistance. The contributions for the support of the Board are voluntarily made, and proceed from less than one-third of the whole number of lodges in the City. When we consider the vast good that has been accomplished by a wise expenditure of the comparatively small sum of money that has come into possession of the Board, we must conclude that the contributing lodges are well repaid for their liberality. One of the best results of the labors of the Board, a result that has caused general satisfaction, is the almost total absence of applicants for relief at the lodge doors. Previous to the organization of the Board our lodges were frequently annoyed by persons begging from door to door. This was particularly noticeable in the Temple. The work of the Lodges was interrupted and impeded by the necessity of examining these applicants, and their funds depleted by the bestowal of pecuniary aid and in many cases of questionable right. These examinations were necessarily superficial, owing to lack of time, often of inclination, to make them complete. The existence of the Board and its willingness to take upon itself the burden of investigation and assistance has relieved the lodges of the necessity and duty clearly imposed upon them by the nature of the Masonic obligations."

The above observations will be found especially applicable to the similar state of affairs which prevails in our large cities, and will be, we doubt not, endorsed by our esteemed Chairman of Charitable Committee W.: Bro. Joseph Martin and others indefatigable in the arduous, and at times unpleasant, work of rightly distributing the charity of our fraternity.

The Report from the Grand Librarian, Brother Herman G. Carter, shows him to be evidently "the right man in the right place." He has devoted two or three evenings each week during the year to the duties of his office, classifying, arranging, and having bound, numerous Masonic magazines and periodicals, and so having properly bound, lettered and added to the library THREE HUNDRED AND TEN VOLUMES of magazines and proceedings of the various Grand bodies.

We commend to the Craft generally in the Province of Quebec the following remarks of Bro. Carter, and ask for them the consideration they deserve, with the earnest hope that they will excite and arouse a greater feeling and desire for a Grand Lodge Library to be possessed by the Grand Lodge of Quebec.

"Masonry has ever been a patron of knowledge, and has deemed it not only a duty but a privilege to foster the liberal arts and sciences; and, as the handmaid of the Divine Teacher, has ever taught men to believe in the immortal doctrine of the 'Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood