

As elections have recently been held, and the new Masters installed into their places, it should be the chief aim of each to see how well he can discharge the functions of his office, and thus serve our noble craft—see how much can be done to advance the character of the brotherhood, and bring it as near as possible up to the standard of Masonic morality. The better to accomplish this, see to it that you reflect the virtue you commend by your own good life and conversation. Be good men and true, and strictly obey the moral law. Be peaceful citizens—be peacemakers not only among the brethren, but among the outside world as well. Be civil, and respect the rights of others; especially be civil to magistrates, showing that the true Mason is a law-abiding citizen. Be diligent in your business, so as to be an example of industry to the brethren, and earn the means of support, so that you shall eat no man's bread for nought. Study to be "true lovers of the whole fraternity, wheresoever dispersed over the face of the earth." Shun all tendency to excess; especially guard against intemperance—the direst foe to society, and the hardest to vanquish. Always greet genuine brethren with due respect, and in a special manner remember the courtesy which is due to the stranger and sojourner. Greet such with that *true Masonic fervor* which is due, but expose and discountenance imposters. Try to so cultivate your social natures as to make yourselves agreeable to your companions while you are true to honour, virtue and sobriety. Study carefully the cardinal virtue, "Temperance, Fortitude, Prudence and Justice," and also the liberal arts and sciences. So divide your time that you can serve God and your brother, and reserve some time for the culture of your own minds and hearts.—*The Michigan Freemason*.

## PRESENTATIONS.

WHITBY.—At an emergency meeting of Composite Lodge, No. 30, held recently, it was made the occasion for the presentation of a beautiful and valuable Past Master's Jewel to W. Bro. C. A. Jones, (who is about taking up his residence in Hamilton,) and with an address, of which the following is a copy :

*To W. Bro. Charles Arthur Jones, I.P.M., Composite Lodge, No. 30.*

W. SIR AND DEAR BRO.—The Master, Wardens and Brethren of this your Mother Lodge, have learned with regret that you are about to take your departure from among us.

This Lodge, under your direction, has attained a satisfactory status of prosperity, and, chiefly owing to your untiring assiduity, is second to none in the Province in the correct exemplification of masonic work.

As for yourself, let us assure you that during the two years you have presided over us, we cannot but acknowledge that you have worked diligently, lived creditably, and acted honorably by all men; that you have been cautious in your carriage and behaviour, courteous to your brethren, and faithful to your Lodge.

We beg of you to accept, with our fraternal good wishes, the accompanying emblem of your rank. May you long be spared to wear it among your brethren.

Although your departure will *lengthen* the ties which bind us to you, yet will they be *strengthened* by a three-fold cord (not easily broken) of regret after your absence, a kind remembrance of our past pleasant and masonic intercourse, and much fraternal good wishes for your future success.

On behalf of the Lodge,

THOS. HUSTON, *Secretary*.

JOHN STANTON, *W. M.*