

of its members, must be my excuse. Although my resolution received such a cold reception on its first presentation to Grand Lodge, my ardour is not yet cooled. Actuated by a wish to be serviceable to my brethren, I will persevere, and believing as I do in the worthiness of the object, and in the loyalty of Canadian Masons, I feel that I shall eventually succeed; and that before long Divine Service will be considered not the least profitable and pleasant part of the annual proceedings of Grand Lodge.

Fraternally yours,

CHAS. W. PATERSON,  
P. G. C.

Nov. 1st, 1880.

### Masonry in Manitoba.

To the Editor of THE CRAFTSMAN.

DEAR SIR AND BRO.—Last evening I visited Prince Rupert's Lodge here; the Lodge is the oldest in the Province, where there are four Lodges. The Masonic Hall is a very good one, and last night there was a very good sized Lodge. In conversing with the brethren I discovered that a lively interest is taken in Masonry in Manitoba.

I am, yours fraternally,

NICHOLAS FLOOD DAVIN.

To the Editor of THE CRAFTSMAN.

DEAR SIR & BRO.—In reading the September issue of the CRAFTSMAN, I notice a communication signed "Anti-Cant," which calls for some comment. The writer quotes statistics from the returns of the G. L. of Quebec, showing the number of suspensions for N. P. D. in that jurisdiction during eight years, from 1872 to 1879, to amount to the large number of 647. From the tenor of your correspondent's remarks, it may be inferred that he starts with the assumption that the whole of that number of suspended brethren are poor and distressed. Now, sir, I venture to say that such is not the case. for anyone who has had any experience in Lodge matters knows perfectly well that many members of the Order allow their dues to run in arrears from carelessness, and various causes other than poverty or distress, and by so doing allow the Lodge no alternative, but in justice to good, attentive and paying members, to suspend them. A member's circumstances are usually well known to the brethren of his Lodge, and Lodges may be safely left to deal with individual cases with which they are well acquainted, and

my experience is that they are more likely to err on the side of leniency than otherwise, and many a brother is carried on the rolls, and Grand Lodge dues paid for him, who has long neglected his duty to his Lodge, and should long ago have been suspended.

I trust, my dear brother, "Anti-Cant" will not be offended at my remarks; doubtless some case of hardship has aroused his sensibilities, but carry his arguments to their logical conclusion, and let off everyone who does not choose to pay his dues, and the Lodges will soon be objects of charity themselves. I do not quite understand your correspondent's remarks about clap-trap in the Ritual. However, I let that pass, not to further trespass upon your space. Yours fraternally,

ANTI-HUMBUG.

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We are pleased to learn that the Craft is so prosperous in Woodstock, Ont., that a more commodious hall has been found necessary, and which will soon be taken possession of.