

when the Master makes the usual enquiry if any Brother has anything to say for the good of Masonry, that it be something more than formally done. Insist upon something being said upon the subject of Masonry. If found necessary, go to some Brother before Lodge night, and tell him that you shall call upon him, and he must be prepared if only for a five minutes talk. Invite others to express either their assent or dissent as to what has been said, and you would soon be surprised at the readiness with which your call would be answered, as well as at the general increase of knowledge upon Masonic subjects. In this connection I have one further suggestion to make. If no Work offers, exemplification of the degrees and other modes of schooling the members may be substituted, and thus social intercourse stimulated, and attendance upon Lodge meetings made interesting and agreeable. Such a course persisted in, although it may be against difficulties and opposition at first, cannot fail to bring work, and will inaugurate a season of great prosperity, while the simple opening, hurrying through with whatever is to be done, closing and hurrying to extinguish the light of the Lodge Room, dispersing in the quickest possible time, as is often the case, will leave your minds and hearts as dark as the room you leave behind, so far as any good the meeting together has done you, and will result in depleted attendance, and loss of interest among the membership, and will serve to still further increase the already large army of non-affiliates.

BUFFOONERY IN THE LODGE.

The Louisville Masonic Home Journal is thus outspoken concerning the late un-Masonic proceedings in Crescent Lodge, New York, at a public installation:—

Burlesquing the ceremonies may seem funny to the thoughtless, but this will drive away the more wise, whose presence cannot be dispensed with without damage. A man would be set down as a knave or a fool, who would make sport at a funeral; he would be esteemed an ass or an idiot, as a rule, who would mourn on festive occasions. Is not he who makes sport of solemn ceremonies in the same category? There is a time to dance and a time to mourn; a time to be merry and a time to be dignified. He who is out of time and out of tune

for the occasion, is out of joint and out of place.

Making sport of dignified ceremonies, as was done in a New York City Lodge at a public installation, was in such exceedingly bad taste that the Grand Master himself will be censurable if he fails to reprove the Lodge for such indignities and disrepute brought upon the fair name of our Fraternity. What have we to do with it? Everything. Whatever affects the reputation or well-being of the Craft at large touches every Brother, and each has the right to raise his voice against it.

We recognize it as an unintentional discredit, brought upon the Craft through thoughtlessness. While "I didn't think" may mitigate the punishment, it does not make right the wrong, or excuse the Grand Master for failing to notice the irregularities. His silence may be fairly construed into approval of that which the Craft universally condemns, and will give license for a continuation of such disreputable conduct.

We trust we have not spoken too severely to be kind, but the case cannot be suffered to pass unrebuked by the Masonic press, and a vigorous remonstrance seems to be the only appropriate way to treat the subject. "Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty," and jealous care of the reputation of the Fraternity is essential in maintaining the respect of the community. Have all the fun possible, but do not burlesque our solemn ceremonies and moral teachings.

KILDONAN.—Following are the officers of Hiram Lodge, No. 5, installed by R. W. Bro. W J Ptolemy, D D G M:—W Bro C A Sadler, I P M; W Bro N Matheson, W M; Bros R R McDonald, S W; F G Argue, J W; A Polson, Treas; J A Bell, Sec; J Fraser, Chap; P Dickson, S D; A Munroe, J D; J F Campbell, S S; J B Todd, J S; F White, Tyler; D Matheson, D of G;