

hard against the institution of new Lodges, always crying for numbers, as if numbers made Masonry. Every brother in a lodge should know his neighbor and feel that he is indeed a brother:—"We visited a certain lodge the other evening, and during the purging process one of the Deacons came to a brother whom no one could vouch for. Upon being questioned as to his identity, he stated that he was a member of this particular lodge. Upon investigation of the records, the Secretary found the statement to be true. This is indeed a forcible illustration of the necessity of 'showing up' occasionally at the communications of your own lodge, if at no others, so that you may be enabled to be vouched for by at least one brother. These 'annual members' are not entitled to much consideration."

THE *N.Z. Craftsman* announces the death of M.W. Bro. E. T. Gillon, P.G.M., on Sunday, April 19th, aged 50. Bro. Gillon was one of the foremost Masons in that colony, and in referring to his work *The Craftsman* says:—"Throughout his Masonic career his greatest work was unquestionably the formation of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand, of which he was the undoubted parent, and dearly he loved his child. No one but those associated with him on the Central Executive Committee could appreciate the amount of perspicacity, the indefatigable energy, the indomitable will power he brought to bear on the difficult problems which required solution. With him, the heart conceived, the head devised, and the hand was prompt to execute the design. Could he but have witnessed the consummation of his dearest hopes, in the recognition by the Home Grand Lodges, well might he have exclaimed in the joy of his heart and with all reverence—

"Lord now lettest Thou thy servant depart in peace."

When the future historian chronicles New Zealand Freemasonry, the part our late brother has played should be written in letters of gold and stand forth as a lasting monument to the skill, ability and assiduity of that Master Workman, whom we may now hope has passed the final test of the Grand Observer's Square and is enshrined in that spiritual edifice, the house not made with hands, Eternal in the Heavens."

M. I.L. Bro. J. W. Murton, 33°, Hamilton, and Bro. Hugh A. MacKay, 33°, Treas.-Genl., made an official visit to Winnipeg Lodge of Perfection A. & A. S. R., where a session of the Rite was held lasting over the whole day. Next day sessions were held in Bethesda Chapter Rose Croix, 15th to 18th degrees, and on Monday, June 15th, the Manitoba Consistory, 19th to 32nd degrees, held a special meeting to receive the visit of their illustrious brethren. Winnipeg is the only point at present west of Lake Superior where the degrees of the Scottish Rite are conferred.

R. W. BRO. T. F. BLACKWOOD.

THE death of R. W. Bro. Thomas Fergusson Blackwood of the Dominion Customs, took place on Monday, 25th May, in the City of Montreal. Deceased had gone to that city for a change and rest. He was born in Montreal on Dec. 27, 1833, his father was Jno. Blackwood, Notary Public, Montreal. When he removed to Toronto in 1865, he became manager for the firm of McNab, Marsh & Cohen, wholesale hardware merchants. In 1881 he entered the custom house as hardware appraiser, and occupied the position as chief appraiser at his death. He was also a Dominion appraiser.