

somewhat from ours. Freemasonry is universal in its character, and we find men of every creed, sect and color, believers in the Craft.

I have heard it stated that in the neighboring Republic, there are some twenty thousand masons, who belong to the Roman Catholic Church. I admit the Clergy of that Church are opposed to our Institution, so are the Baptist ministers, but for that reason are we to refuse them admission when they knock at our portals, if in other respects they are worthy and well qualified?

Yours fraternally,

M. C.

 [NOTE.—We heartily endorse the sentiments of our correspondent.—ED. GAVEL.]

ANCIENT ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE.

LONDON, ONT., December 20th, 1869.

BRO.: ROBERT RAMSAY.

MY DEAR SIR AND ILL.: BRO.: 32°.—Having heard upon good authority that you propose at an early date issuing a Masonic Paper, I take the liberty of suggesting, that if such should be the case, you might favor us with a series of articles on the A.: A.: S.: R.: The subject is one of sufficient interest to the craft in Canada to justify such a course. I admit our numbers are few, but amongst them are some of the leading Masons in the Dominion, and it would be as well to let the craft generally have some idea of the working of this beautiful branch of Freemasonry. It has been most unjustly attacked by some, as if its members were traitors to their Masonic vows, instead of being the Champions of our Fraternity. Under these circumstances, I trust you will oblige your brethren of the A.: A.: S.: R.:, as well as those of the Craft generally, by adopting the suggestion I have taken the liberty to offer.

I am, my dear and Ill.: Bro.: Robert Ramsey 32°

Yours fraternally in the sacred numbers,

A WELL-WISHER TO THE A.: A.: S.: R.:.

[NOTE.—We should have been most happy to have given our views of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, as suggested by our Illustrious Brother, but fortunately, we believe, it will not be necessary for us to do so, as a Brother high in the Order, and one whose attention is more exclusively devoted to it, will in all probability advocate its claims with ability and judgment, through the columns of this journal. In fact, we had fully intended to have published a letter, which we received from him some weeks ago upon the subject, and which, for the beauty of its diction and the earnestness of its style, we have rarely seen excelled; unfortunately, it was mislaid. In the next number, however, we trust the error will be rectified.—ED. GAVEL.]

PRAYER is a communion with God; but it is, moreover, a commiseration for men. Religion bends its knees, but it stretches its hands; it turns its eyes up to Heaven, but it pours its sympathies out upon the world. The prayer said is a mockery unless it be a prayer done.

ROBINSON CRUSOE's island, Juan Fernandez, was recently ceded to a German colonization society numbering about seventy individuals. The island, which is described as a fertile and delightful spot, is one of the stations at which whaling-vessels take in water and wood. The society, on taking possession, found there countless herds of goats, some thirty half-wild horses, and sixty donkeys, the latter animals proving to be exceedingly shy. They brought with them cows and other cattle, swine, numerous fowls, and all the various kinds of agricultural implements, with boats and fishing apparatus, to engage in different pursuits and occupations.