

THE TWO PILLARS.—In the famous Pillars placed at the entrance to King Solomon's Temple it is supposed that Solomon had reference to the Pillars of Fire and of Cloud; and was the token of the Divine Providence which was ever-over his people. The pillar on the left represented the Pillar of Fire, and on the right the Pillar of Cloud. The name of the former signifies "herein is strength," alluding either to the Divine promise of succor, or to the Ark, which was in the Temple, and called the "Strength of the Lord"; and the name of the latter signifies "He will Establish," intimating God's promise to establish the Throne of David and His people, Israel.—*Calcott's Candid Disquisition.*

M. W. BRO. W. H. WHITE, Grand Master of Washington, has this to say on Temperance:—"We know that there are men, and Masons too, who are noble-hearted, generous to a fault, true to their families, true to the state, true to every obligation of manhood, but who are nevertheless engaged in the barter and sale of intoxicating liquors. They justify themselves by saying that the law authorizes it, society in general does not condemn it; if they do not engage in the business other and worse men will do so. The giant evil of the age is the excessive use of intoxicating liquors. The victim of an unconquerable thirst, the home, the foundation of all society, and all government, cry out for protection against its ravages. Lead us not into temptation is the wailing sob that goes up all over this land. It is a cry that will be heard and will be heeded. The moral sentiment of mankind is being educated and aroused against the inroads of this giant evil. Masonry, with her mighty opportunities for the accomplishment of good, must keep abreast of this moral sentiment, must in no way retard its growth, must in every way

aid it. This can best be done by us, not by the passage of laws, not by amendments of constitutions, not by repressive and harsh legislation, but by an exercise of good judgment, and a fearless determination to do our duty regardless of self and self-interests. Let it be distinctly understood, that hereafter, in this jurisdiction at least, the fact of engaging in the sale of intoxicating liquors bars the doors of Masonry against him who would enter for the first time, and, to him already clothed with the lamb skin, is an insurmountable obstacle to the obtainment of Masonic honors."

EMULATION LODGE of Instruction, F. & A. M., of St. John, N. B., held its closing meeting of the season on the evening of the 4th April. Before separating, the members availed themselves of the opportunity to express to their instructor, R. W. Bro. William F. Bunting, P. G. M., their high appreciation of his efforts in instructing them in the work of the craft by presenting him with a handsome gold-headed ebony cane, suitably inscribed. Bro. Bunting made an appropriate reply and speeches fitting the occasion were given by Past Masters Short, Humphrey and Reed and Bros. Davitt, Fowler, Shaw and others. The presentation was made by acting W. M. Frank Tufts.

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