

present renomination being regarded as a blow to republican institutions in the land of the Montezumas it is looked upon as making for their perpetuity. It is probable that he will be re-elected without opposition.

President Diaz will undoubtedly go down in history as one of the great civilizing forces of the nineteenth century. Under his administration, Mexico has attained a degree of prosperity, unprecedented in the annals of that country. Not only has life and property been made secure and revolutions brought to an end, but industry and commerce are rapidly expanding, the rich resources of the nation are being generally developed, the Mexican masses are making marked strides in enlightenment, the construction of important public works has been inaugurated and the finances of the Government have been placed upon a vastly improved footing. In a word, Bro. Diaz has transformed Mexico from a semi barbarous power into a modern and progressive nation.

Nothing better illustrates the effective work which Bro. Diaz has wrought than the evident appreciation in which the Mexican people hold his services. He has taught his countrymen by practical results the difference between good government and bad government, between constitutional liberty and the lawlessness of unrestrained license. He has further taught them the advantages to be derived from peaceful industry. Bro. Diaz is now sixty-six years of age, but lovers of civilization and progress will hope that he may be spared many years yet to safeguard by counsel and action the nation he has done so much to redeem.—*New York Commercial Advertiser*.

MASONIC LANDMARKS.

If one asks any number of Masons, What are Masonic landmarks, and how many are there? he will find that no two of them exactly agree as to their nature or their number. One would define them in one way, and another

in another way, and the diversity of opinion about them will be surprising. Not more than one in a score of those asked the question will separate the word landmarks into *land* and *marks* and correctly elucidate the Masonic significance of each, and then define them in unity. A host of Masonic scholars have written about Masonic landmarks, and some of them have been unwise enough to declare that there are none—that the most that can be said of Masonry is: It has foundation of fundamental principles, which are symbolized, allegorized, etc. So from *none* to about *thirty* is the range given to the number of Masonic landmarks, and all this diversity is the result of having no inflexible definition of what a Masonic landmark is. Scripturally the three ideas expressed by *land* and *mark* are very ancient, and their unity is recognized in Deuteronomy xix. 14, where the command is: "Thou shalt not remove thy neighbor's *landmark*." Thou shalt respect his *sign*, his *mark*, and his *land*—thou shalt not trespass on either thou shalt regard them as inviolable. This requires strict integrity and inflexible fidelity to right. This being true, Freemasonry is not a flexible institution—is not a structure whose materials may be changed at will by its members—is not a great system of morality, veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols, to have one essential abrogated to-day, and another to-morrow, because some one who knows not its significance and indispensableness scoffs at and scorns it.—*Voice of Masonry*.

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