

fail to exist. It must grow and prosper, necessarily, with the growth and development of man's better sentiments. It is not aggressive. It is not obtrusive. It makes no issues. It sets up no rivalries with other institutions of the day. But, gathering up the virtues of the ages, it recognizes the inner cravings of the soul, and the universal brotherhood of man, forgetting all else in its devotion to his higher and better needs.—*N. Y. Dispatch.*

THE BOOK OF THE LAW.

When we hear of a brother Mason who can find nothing higher to do than to ridicule the teachings of the Bible, we feel like burying our face in our hands in utter shame for him. No good man, much less a good Mason, can ignore the precepts found in that good book. There are many things of an historical nature told in the Bible which lay no claim to inspiration, and there are very many most excellent precepts and moral teachings which no man can resist. How a Mason can ridicule them we are at a loss to know; but we are pained to admit that there are members of our grand Brotherhood, here and there, who are depraved enough to attempt it. The Bible is the Book of the Law, and Masons must protect and preserve it as such. The Bible is worth more to the conscientious Masonic student than a world of trash issued by ingrates who attempt to ridicule it.—*Masonic Correspondence, Oregon.*

SHALL AULD FRIENDS BE FORGOT?

He who never forgets old friends, and ever cherishes his attachments for them, no matter how much time, space or fortune have kept them apart, is one of those rare beings with whom God has endowed the earth, to bless mankind and to encourage true friendship, that society may not utterly wither, through the

influence of ingratitude, selfishness, and the constant changes of time.

As you advance in life, make new friends, but do not forget the old; keep your eye on the dear old friends you made in the long ago. How much better would you be had you followed their advice? And when you meet after years of parting, not with lessened interest in each other, but as brother meets brother, their affection more glowing than ever, let then your new friends see your love for the old, and they too will feel encouraged to cling to you as those beloved ones of old.

CANADIAN MASONIC NEWS.

On the evening of the 10th January, at the regular convocation of Prince Edward Chapter, No. 81. Picton, Ont., as the chapter was about to close, E. Comp. Case addressed the companions present, and bore willing testimony to the valuable services rendered by M. E. Comp. Donald Ross, to the craft generally, and to the unflinching interest and the Masonic fidelity he had always evinced towards his mother- lodge and chapter. E. Comp. Reynolds cheerfully endorsed all that had been said, and announced that the chapter was about to acknowledge their appreciation of M. E. Comp. Ross by presenting him with a jewel, which had been purchased in England by Comp. Jas. Greenfield, Toronto, who was present on the occasion, and who also cheerfully added his testimony to all that had been said of Comp. Ross, he being known all over Canada as "the little Scotchman." The presentation was a great surprise to Comp. Ross, who felt himself at a loss to express his thanks; but at the same time acknowledged this substantial renewal of confidence as a fresh evidence that his humble efforts had been appreciated, for which he was indeed thankful. The gift was a P. G. Z. jewel, of fine gold, quite costly, and beautiful in design, and bears the following