

"Question. A member of a lodge in this jurisdiction, applies to another lodge, for the privilege of sitting with them as a visitor, and is vouched for by a brother who sat with him in the Grand Lodge two years previous. The W. M. requested the vouching brother to state his knowledge of the visitor's standing, which he was not able to do. The W. M. then required the visiting brother to take the T. O., to which the visitor demurred, saying he preferred to be regularly examined. This the W. M. refused as unnecessary, and the brother retired, complaining that he was placed in a false position before the lodge. The W. M. requests me to endorse his action, or point out his error.

"Answer. The vouching was legal, having sat with the applicant in the Grand Lodge. Unless there were doubts of the Masonic standing of the brother, there was no necessity of the T. O., which would have been taken, if the brother's request had been granted. Further, under the ruling, the brother was placed in an unpleasant position, implying that his Masonic standing was not good. He should, under the circumstances, have been admitted."

Let us in Quebec ponder well on the following remarks of M. Wor. Bro. Mason touching our

MORAL DUTIES.

"It is the bounden duty of each member of the Masonic Brotherhood, to live in accordance with the teachings of the 'Great Light,' in whose pages are found the moral laws which should govern each 'Son of Light,' wherein is found this commandment: 'Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain.' Yet, we frequently hear this sacred name profaned by some who profess to be Masons. Brethren, this should not be; do not tarnish the noble name of Masonry by a violation of its laws. Let each one be careful in speaking God's name, to do it with that reverential awe which is due from a creature to his Creator. Remember that those who have not entered the sacred precincts of the Temple, do not form their opinion of Free Masonry by what it claims to be—a community of brothers, actuated by love for each other, and a desire to benefit their fellow men; a moral institution, whose teachings tend to make men better. They judge by the effect, or the result of these teachings upon the lives of its members. Therefore, let us all be careful, that through our words or acts no reproach shall be brought upon Masonry.

"There is another thought in connection with moral duties. It is the necessity of selecting for lodge officers, such brethren as possess a moral influence in the community. When this great pre-requisite is neglected, though the brother may be, what is termed a bright Mason, and have high mental qualifications, Masonry must suffer, its usefulness be crippled, and our loved Fraternity brought into disrepute."