

perous and efficient Grand Lodge instrumentality, has been assigned the duty of holding aloft the torch of progress, and guarding these outposts of our American frontier from the disorganizing effects of savageism and mongrelism combined. That they will conquer the fight, spread the light of truth and charity, conserve peace and promote social and patriotic duty, is already a foregone conclusion. As in California during its transition period from Mexican rule and habit to American domination, it was Masonry, with its conservative and enlightened influences, that brought order out of chaos; so now in New Mexico the same gentle but pervasive agency will control the elements of confusion, and bring about the blessed conditions of peace and establishment."

In the "Ancient" Grand Lodge of England, a lodge holding an inferior position on the roll could purchase the defunct charter of one that held a higher one, by paying so much to the Benevolent Fund.

The "Voice" designates the "anti-Masons" as "Sons of Darkness;" not a bad name for those bigoted animals who, under the cloak of Christianity, would drive to Hades all who oppose their Shibboleth.

The "Freemason" (London, Eng.) is "very much amused" at the opinion expressed by R. W. Bro. Richard Vaux, P.G.M. of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and one of the most distinguished Masons on this continent, regarding the position of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, and the "scalled" English lodges of Quebec. We fancy that journal will not be so "amused" when it finds that Canadian and American Grand Lodges are determined to put a *quietus* on lodges, no matter from whence they hail, that dare to infringe upon their jurisdiction. We are all getting about tired of it, and do not care about having in our midst "Masonic refuges" for our "rejected material."

FREEMASONRY.

BY A. HOFFMAN.

'Mid the mutations of all time, or changes here on earth,
Freemasonry remains the same as when it first had birth;
For Wisdom, Strength, and Beauty, still its supporters be,
Assisted by their sisters, Faith, Hope, and Charity.

It had existed from the time the world was in its youth;
Its base that attribute divine—the immortal word of truth.
The Architect who framed the globe, and measured out its span,
Still gives it His protecting care, for happiness to man.

From East to West, from North to South, its mysteries are known;
Its usefulness each clime hath felt on which the sun hath shone;
It binds man to his fellow man with all a brother's love;
Its precepts are the words of Him who reigneth high above.

The Craft of every age can boast the honored of the earth,
The warrior, statesman, poet, sage, the man of princely birth.
The grave, the good, the wise, the learned, the layman and divine,
All at its fount have wisdom drank, and knelt before its shrine.

Oh! Masonry, thy fame shall last until all time is done,
Thy mysteries, as in ages past, shall go from sire to son;
Like the mixed mountains of our earth, it shall for ever stand,
A monument of goodness from the Almighty hand.

Kings have their tortures tried in vain, the Order to destroy;
Grim death, in all its fearful forms, its fury did employ;
The rack, the gibbet, and the stake, each in its turn was tried,
But Craftsmen still by faith sustained, in Truth's great name they died.

Fanaticism crossed the sea, into this western world;
Not many years have passed away since its dark flag unfurled;
But all its efforts came to naught, its fury rag'd in vain,
For Masonry, though crushed to earth, like Truth rose up again.

And it shall stand, a beacon light, man through this life to guide,
Amid temptation's rocks and shoals, which lie on every side.
Yes! it shall stand forever, until Time's sands have ran,
Its truths on earth proclaiming, good will and peace to man.

—Voice.

The Egyptian Rite in Toronto is a great success. Osiris Chapter has a membership of over forty of the most solid Masons of the Queen City of the West.