

are Masons who speak of Masonry as a modern affair. It is all right, they say, but it is not a relic of old times. These Masons mistake form for substance. They would change the form of Masonry at every gust of wind. But when they come to consider the substance, the fixed and eternal principles that make up the dogmas of Freemasonry they will realize how little human effort amounts to when antagonizing philosophy, from the truths of which there is no escape. Is it strange that man, led away by this error, should become so lost to all reason as to declare that there is no Deity—no God. That any Freemason should become so blind in his inner sight seems most deplorable. These clouds will all pass away in good time.

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THE ever attractive volume of proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, is rendered more attractive than ever before by the publication in that for 1890, of a handsome steel plate engraving of R. W. Bro. Richard Vaux, Past Grand Master and Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence. The entire abstract, covering some 450 pages, contains the records of the quarterly communications of Grand Lodge, of the Special Communications, held for the purpose of dedicating Masonic Temples, etc., and of the annual communication held on the 27th December 1890.

On the latter occasion, the Grand Treasurer, R.W. Bro. Thomas R. Patton, who had a year previously donated to Grand Lodge the sum of \$25,000 to form the nucleus of a Special Charity Fund, handed in debentures to the value of \$25,000 more, towards the same object, making a noble charity of \$50,000 in all from a living Master Mason. This generous gift was acknowledged in appropriate terms.

Grand Lodge also marked, by resolution, its sympathy with the Grand Lodge of Maryland and Brethren of Baltimore, in the loss sustained by them in the destruction, by fire, on the 25th December, 1890, of their Masonic Temple.