

a glorious part of the mission of Freemasonry to seek to promote a true spirit of *brotherly kindness* among all ranks and conditions of men. Knowing no distinction but that of merit, and including in her fold men of all classes and creeds, she frowns upon all sectional and sectarian differences, and says to the angry disputants in politics and religion—"Sirs, ye are brethren?" May I be permitted to repeat on this point words which I addressed to Grand Lodge four years ago, and to which recent events have supplied a sad and striking commentary?

Freemasonry has ample work to do in all States and nations in hastening the brotherhood of man. In this Canada of ours there is sufficient need that it should spread the cement of brotherly love to counteract the sectional, political and sectarian tendencies to alienation and strife. In the religious world even, I am sorry to say, there is need of Masonic labor to realize the unity for which every true worshipper of the great Jehovah ever hopes and prays. It ought not so to be, but it is true that in the Masonic circle there is a tie of brotherhood which makes religious men more truly fraternal, and not merely to express more of that union which is so essential to religious joy and usefulness than they are wont to have outside of that circle. And surely if ever age or country has need of all the forces that can be made available for so great a result, our young Dominion in this, the hour of her youth and danger, has that need. Here within our borders we have a community composed of races widely differing in origin and idiosyncrasy, and the tide of emigration is constantly bringing in waves of population from the elder world, to find a home and country under the broad shelter of our free institutions—our just and equal laws. To unite and assimilate these varied people is a task which requires Masonic cement and Masonic charity. Let us each strive, in his own sphere, faithfully to use the trowel and spread the cement of affection and kindness which unites all the members of the great Masonic family wherever dispersed, into one grand union of brotherly love, relief and truth.

The New York *Courier* says: "The lodges of Indiana will raise \$100,000 from voluntary contributions for their Widows' and Orphans' Home." Well that settles it.

Visit to Chicago.

After the meeting of the Grand Chapter, recently held in the city of London, M. W. Commander David McLellan, of the Grand Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners of Canada; M. W. Brother James Seymour, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, and M. Ill. Comp. Bro. Daniel Spry, Past M. Ill. Grand Master of the Grand Council of Ontario, left by the G. W. Railway for the city of Chicago, where M. W. Com. McLellan had been invited for the purpose of establishing the Royal Ark Mariner branch in that city and State of Illinois. They reached the city of Detroit about 6 p. m., when, after partaking of refreshment, they proceeded to the new Masonic Hall, where, by the kindness of the attentive and courteous janitor, Bro. McGregor, they were shown all through that magnificent building, which is fitted up in a very handsome manner. Proceeding to the station of the M.C. Railway, they took the train for Chicago. Before leaving the station the Board of Aldermen for the city of Buffalo, accompanied by a very fine band, arrived on a visit to their brother Aldermen of Detroit, who received them at the depot. Leaving Detroit about 10.30 p. m., our illustrious brethren arrived in Chicago about 7.30 Friday morning, where they were met at the station by Ill. Bro. Archibald McLellan, 32°, (brother of one of the party, who drove them to his residence, and whose guests they were during their stay in the city.) After refreshing the inner man, they were driven about the boulevards, parks, and through the city by Ill. Bro. McLellan, who pointed out the several places of interest. He conducted them all through the Masonic Hall, which is situated in the American Express building. It is very nicely fitted up, but it is somewhat disappointing, the building being at least no better than that of which the ambitious city of Hamilton