

lations with man, made the grounds of her irresistible claims upon the affections, sympathy, aid and self-sacrifice of the Craft. Enshrined in the Mason's highest affections, he treasures the image of her virtues as the object for private devotion. The things that he estimates as the ordinary property of life, he exposes to ordinary gaze, but he hides from inspection the particular treasure of his soul, as Rachel, the wife of Jacob, saw the flocks and herds that constituted the wealth of herself and her husband exposed to the gaze and cupidity of the grasping Laban, while the sacred treasures of her maiden life, the household Gods of her idolatry, she had hidden away as the precious things of her heart.—*P. G. M. Bro. Joseph R. Chandler, of Pennsylvania.*

CANADA'S GIFT TO FLORIDA.

A general appeal having been made to the fraternity on behalf of the fever-stricken brethren in Florida, noble responses have been made by sister Grand Lodges, but the generosity of the Grand Lodge of Canada, through Grand Master Walkem, is in keeping with its past record, when similar appeals were made. Bro. Walkem recently directed the Grand Treasurer to forward to the Grand Lodge of Florida for the Masonic Relief Fund, the sum of \$200, which will materially help the brethren and their families who have suffered through the yellow fever scourge. Promptness in sending relief is equally as worthy of commendation as is a princely donation, and Mr. Walkem's action was decidedly prompt.

After the candidate shall have been made a Mason, the fraternity are under obligations of justice to him, as he is to them, to obey all the points of his obligations. Should an attempt be made to stop his career, does Masonic justice demand that he should not be permitted to defend his character and to have an opportunity to face his accuser and challenge his witnesses? In an institution claiming justice as a cardinal virtue, how is it possible that any man could give a decision in favor of a course of procedure characteristic of every inquisition established by the bigoted Church of Rome? We confess to be heartily ashamed of the views and opinions of some of our Masons which are so inimical to our enlightened day and liberal principles, so forcibly inculcated in our monitors.—*Singleton.*

MASONIC DUTIES.

One of the important duties (and one we fear the most neglected) of one occupying the Oriental Chair, is that of visiting the sick, the needy, and those who by advanced years are enfeebled and unable to attend the meetings of their lodge. While it is all important that a Worshipful Master should learn something of Masonic Jurisprudence, that he may not only govern his lodge with justice and equity, but also in accordance with the Ancient Usages, Customs and Landmarks of the Fraternity, and should know and understand his work (and see that his officers know and understand theirs), that he and they may be able to perform the business and work of the lodge in a creditable, solemn, and impressive manner; it is also his duty and not only his, but that also of his officers and members, to see that the sick, needy, and erring (if any), are looked after, cared for and admonished. We feel assured, and we speak from personal experience, that did officers and members only realize the pleasure and comfort the performance of this duty gave to those who are unable to attend the lodge on account of old age and affliction, they would much oftener perform it, though it might be at some sacrifice of time—though not of pleasure, for pleasure will result from the knowledge that they have given comfort and consolation to those suffering from age, sickness and sometimes even the very necessaries of life.—*Keystone.*

No human institution has yet attained that degree of perfection which a much less eloquent orator is not able to paint. To experience the bickering, the envy, the strife, the discord, which too often arise among Masons and in Lodges, casts our ideal oftentimes into the dirt with other human institutions. Would to heaven it were all it is pictured. Would that friendship, morality and brotherly love ever prevailed, and that the votaries of the Mystic Tie were purified of that sordid, narrow, selfish, ungenerous nature which characterizes men in every walk of life.—*F. J. Thompson, Dakota.*

It is reported that the ban laid upon Iowa Knights Templars by Grand Master Roome has been removed. We have not seen the official order to that effect, but presume the report is correct.