

monies, but nothing so imposing and gorgeous has been ever seen or heard of in the world's history, as the splendid Temple worship at Jerusalem. A Freemason's Lodge is a humble representation of the Temple of King Solomon, and however feeble an imitation it may be, it enjoins, by its symbolic teaching, such estimable tenets (founded on the contents of the volume of the Sacred Law), that if Masons will only strive to the utmost to acquaint themselves with its mysteries and ceremonies, they must become better fitted for the society of their brethren of the Craft, as well as better members of the popular world at large. So full of meaning are the symbols constantly before our eyes, that the poorest memory can retain their signification and practice the principles they represent in daily life and conduct. To carry the illustration further, I need scarcely remind you that the human body has been described as "the temple of the Most High," and as our earthly tabernacle. What more fitting occupation, then, can we have than to build up with care, and protect with caution, that outward part of our manhood "so fearfully and wonderfully made." The teaching of Masonry is a great help to this end. However rough and uncultivated a Mason may be, or however much what the world calls "refined"—be he prince or peasant—he may learn to guard against most of those errors or temptations which beset humanity. By using the instruments and working tools of the Craft upon the rough projections and irregular angles of his character (until his mind will bear the test of square and compasses, level and plumb-rule, guided by the (divine) tracing-board and plan of operations) he will raise a superstructure worthy of the builder, and fitted for every walk in life. As a pure mind can only exist in a pure body, so the soul must have an abode free from defilement; and the peculiar system of Masonry is such, that were all its members obedient thereunto, morality would be triumphant, and vice almost unknown. Finally, brethren, let us strive to obtain excellence. First of all, our foundation must be laid upon a proper basis, namely, a firm but humble confidence in the Great Architect of the Universe, whose aid we should invoke in all our undertakings. Next, our ashler work should be of the true die, square nicely adjusted, and cemented with true affection. Thus will mind and body be built up, perfect in its parts, and full of wisdom, strength and beauty. The roof, like our aspirations heavenward, should be so constructed and ordered, that our eyes may behold the Bright and Morning Star, whose rising brings peace and salvation to the faithful and obedient. Supported by fortitude, chastened by temperance, and guided in all our actions by faith and justice, we shall be able to maintain the fabric of this our earthly temple until time for us shall be no more. A frequent reflection upon the dissolution of this bodily tabernacle will discipline our minds by the line of the skirret, and the divisions of the 24-inch gauge, until death shall lose its terrors, and we can hope for a home in those heavenly mansions not made with hands, but which shall endure to all eternity. For the World's Great Architect lives there and reigns for ever. Let us work while it is day, and while we are in the light, advancing daily in a knowledge of the Craft, and employing ourselves in its operations, until we are all in reality perfect stone-squarers, fitted for the Grand Lodge above, the abode of Him, whence all goodness emanates. Let this be our aim, and to keep within the parallel lines of the path of rectitude, ascending by steps of "Faith, Hope, and Charity." And may the Most High prosper all our endeavours. So mote it be.

MASONIC RECORD.

AT HOME.

BRO. R. R. FULTON, W. M. of Pythagoras Lodge, Meaford, was, on the 10th ult., presented with a beautiful Past Master's Jewel and an address. The Jewel bore this inscription: "Presented to W. Bro. Robert R. Fulton, of Pythagoras Lodge, No. 137, by the officers and members, as a mark of esteem." Bro. Fulton has presided over Pythagoras Lodge for the past three years, but is now about leaving Meaford for the United States.

THE officers of St. Alban's Masonic Lodge, Mount Forest, were installed for the ensuing year on Wednesday evening, June 24th, as follows:—W. Bro. John McLaren, W. M.; Bro. John McFadyen, S. W.; Bro. John Rogers, J. W.; W. Bro. Thomas Swan, Chaplain; Bro. James Watt, Treasurer; Bro. T. G. Smith, Secretary; Bro. E. B. Boselly, S. D.; Bro. R. J. Dale, J. D.; Bro. A. E. Ecroyd, D. of C.; Bro. W. L. Smith, Bro. Wm. Roberts, Stewards; Bro. Thomas Ainley, I. G.; Bro. James Mude, Tyler.

THE installation of officers of Corinthian Chapter, No. 36, Royal Arch Masons, took place in the Masonic Hall, Peterborough, as follows:—R. Ex. Comp. James Wright, Z.; V. Ex. Comp. Dr. Kincaid, P. Z.; Ex. Comp. J. W. Wallace, H.; Ex. Comp. J.