

## BOOK OF THE LAW.

The Book of the Law is that which amongst any people is acknowledged and accepted as their Sacred Writings, *par excellence*.

Amongst Israelites it is the Scriptures of the Old Testament. Among Christians it is the Old and New Testaments, or as now generally denominated the Bible,—the Book,—and among Freemasons, the Volume of the Sacred Law.

To Cosmopolitan or Craft Masonry alone, is the world indebted for the inculcation of the broad, tolerant, universal principle hereinabove enunciated.

The Bible, or other Holy Book, which is always open in a lodge, is a symbol that its light should be universally diffused amongst the brethren.

The passages at which the Holy Bible is opened are, or ought to be, different in different degrees. In this country these passages are generally as follows:—in the first degree, at Psalm 133; in the second at Amos 7, 7 and 8; and in the third, Ecclesiastes 12, 1-7.

Especially the Senior Deacon, and in fact all the brethren, should be duly informed thereanent, that they may at all times govern themselves accordingly.

We have observed that in some lodges, these, or other appropriate passages, are duly noted on the first blank page of the Sacred Volume, for the guidance of those to whom the special duty of opening the same appertains.

Special excellence in Masonic work, is chiefly attained by giving particular and exact attention to what are sometimes unwisely deemed to be—"little things."

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We should have noticed long ere now, the prompt appearance of the Proceedings of the Sovereign Great Priory, Knights Templar of (the Dominion of) Canada, for the current year.

They constitute a goodly volume of 225 pages, and they are "Ordered to be read in all Preceptories and preserved."

We have carefully read the same, and we hardly know which most to admire,—the workmanlike "work" of the Supreme Grand Master,—of the Provincial Priors,—the Grand Chancellor and other Great officers,—the Grand Council,—or of the Fraters in Special and Annual Assembly. We may, however, sum it all in the plaudit,—“Well done, good and faithful servants.”

Since so much thereof is so commendable, there is but little room for suggestion or comment.

The query however, arises,—can our youthful Great Priory well afford to publish annually so expensive a volume of Proceedings? It may, if a suggestion by the Grand Chancellor, on the back of the title-page, is duly heeded, and the Fratres order a sufficient number of extra copies, and *pay for them!*

In the yet unhappily ambiguous use of the word "Canada," is not the title of our Sovereign Great Priory somewhat defective?

There is the Grand Encampment of the United States of America,—why not the Sovereign Great Priory of the Dominion of Canada?

Is not the official nomenclature of