

at funerals is very ancient. In 11th Book of *Æneid*, 35th line, we read: "*Et moestum Iliades erinam de more solutae*," that is, "And the Trojan ladies loosened their hair, mourning according to custom."—*Ex.*

The Grand Master of Mississippi thinks that "Masons are not required to believe all the statements of the Bible—indeed few intelligent men do," while the Committee on Law and Jurisprudence said "Masonry in this country holds the Bible to be the word of God," then "a disbelief in the Bible as the word of God necessarily leads to a denial of the existence of God." The American Jews may accept the Old Testament and discard the New; does it follow that they deny God?—*Ex.*

On the 4th inst., the Prince of Wales is to be re-elected Grand Master of the Freemasons. If His Royal Highness were to pay a visit to the Province of Quebec he would discover that he was a member of an illegal body, although it is hardly likely that there is anything disloyal in so distinguished a member of the royal family. The Dominion parliament should adopt Mr. Thomas White's suggestion, and set this matter right by legalizing the Freemasons and the Orangemen in the sister province. If these organizations are not loyal to the Crown then no organization is. It is absurd that a society which is perfectly legal and legitimate in one province of the Dominion is not recognized as legal in another. We may feel perfectly sure that an organization of which the Prince of Wales is so distinguished a member has nothing in its character either revolutionary or disloyal.—*London Free Press.*

ELECTIONEERING.—Ambition for Masonic offices, with some brethren, seems to be the ruling passion. They covet every position, and use every means to reach the desired end. With others the feeling is not so much a

wish for personal preferment as it is a determination to keep others from getting forward. They cherish resentments entirely foreign to the spirit of Masonry. A writer upon this subject, Brother S. F. Chadwick, of Oregon, says:—"The great objects in life are not to destroy men, but to sustain them. The effects of wrongs should follow those who commit them, as they do in all climates and ages; but wrongs should never be imposed on others to advance ourselves in schemes and machinations of the world, in order to gratify an ambition that must at last destroy us. Masons, above all other men, should heed this great truth. Where is the Mason among us who could receive every vote of his Grand Lodge for Grand Master? We hope to see the day when a Mason may feel that his duty to a brother Mason is based upon the highest sense of honor, and that it would be a crime to tarnish that honor. If our faith does not abide with us we cannot be Masons. To pretend to be what we are not towards one another is a fatal sin. The principles of Masonry will make any man what he should be, if he will but permit them to do so."

IN THE HEART.—We teach that a Masons first preparation should be in the heart. In the heart! Ah! brethren, there is the keynote of all Speculative Masonry, as it is the very pith and marrow of all true manhood. With the heart right, how easy it is to practice that charity which "envieth not, is not puffed up, doth not behave itself unseemly;" and how naturally does the fulfilment of obligations become "at once our duty and our happiness." Such a heart sends its red current to the lips and we speak words of encouragement and good cheer; it courses along the arm, and we raise the fallen and succor the needy; it extends to the feet, and they are quick to run on errands of mercy. A heart thus attempered shrinks not from affliction.