

are not rights when they conflict with the interests of humanity at large. Christian ethics must solve political problems as well. The final settlement of the tariff question will be in harmony with this principle. If a tariff on imports does prosper one country at the expense of another, then it must go to the wall. I do not say it does, but if it does. I express no opinion as regards the fact. I have none. There is much talk about the 'dangerous classes.' All classes are dangerous if each seeks its own regardless of the others. A poor man is not dangerous if he has brotherly love in his heart; nor is a rich man dangerous if his charity keeps pace with his riches. Selfishness must be drawn out by brotherly love. When men realize, through the grace of God, that they belong to the human family, then will strife cease."—*Liberal Freemason.*

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**THE NEPTUNE LODGE, NO. 375,
 ABERDEEN AND THE SHIP-
 WRECKED MARINERS'
 SOCIETY.**

About seven years ago a Masonic Auxiliary to the Shipwrecked Fishermen and Mariners' Royal Benevolent Society was formed in Aberdeen, since which time many of the lodges have given donations, or otherwise contributed to its funds, and on a recent occasion the Neptune Lodge, No. 375, as the result of a special effort sent a donation of more than £120. Under the auspices of this lodge an open-air fete and fancy fair was held at Belmont, in the neighborhood of Aberdeen, at which entertainments of various kinds were provided, proving a great centre of attraction during the afternoon and evening to a large number of persons. One of the chief features of the entertainment was a grand display of fancy goods, arranged after the manner of bazaars, the stalls being presided over by a number of young ladies whose blandishments assisted to swell the receipts. A bagpipe competition, a contest for the

premium, in dancing, the Highland fling, and a display of bayonet exercises, fencing, &c., by a detachment of the Gordon Highlanders were among the amusements, and some of the performers from Cook's circus gave an exhibition of their talent. But that which attracted the greatest amount of attention was a display of the Manby life-saving apparatus, which had been lent by the Aberdeen Harbor Commissioners for the occasion, and was worked by the chief gunner's mate of H. M. S. Clyde, and a number of Naval Reserve men. The suitability of this effort being initiated by the Neptune Lodge will be recognized, as it has always been to a great extent identified with the seafaring community, and as was pointed out by Bro. Alexander Milne, R. W. M. of the Lodge, in the absence of Bro. Dr. Beveridge, Prov. G. M. Aberdeen, who is also president of the auxiliary before referred to, they felt they could do nothing better than assist an institution so closely connected with the sea as the Shipwrecked Mariners' Society. This society, we understand, annually relieves from 13,000 to 14,000 persons at the time of their greatest extremity, clothing, feeding, and forwarding home all shipwrecked crews, and granting to the widows and orphans of seafaring men substantial succour in their bereavement. From the large extent to which Freemasonry is known to exist among the seafaring classes in all our ports, it necessarily follows that the society's funds are largely expended among the Fraternity and their dependents. Under these circumstances, and calling to mind the widespread charity of the Brotherhood, the wonder is that more organized and sustained support as asked by the committee is not rendered to this very deserving national charity, and we would bespeak for it from the numerous lodges, especially in the seaports, the assistance it so much requires to enable it to continue its beneficial operations all along our seaboard.—*E.r.*