

CAPITULAR FREE MASONRY.

It should ever be the laudable ambition and earnest intent of the Master Mason to become a Mark and Most Excellent Master, and to be exalted to, and become a companion of, the Holy Royal Arch; as no Fellow Craft or Master Mason can be deemed to be sufficiently instructed in the Craft degrees even, until he has at least, received all the degrees of Capitular Freemasonry.

It appears to us, therefore, that at this, the beginning of a new year of Masonic work, that renewed efforts should everywhere be put forth, to awaken a deeper and broader interest in Chapter Masonry, amongst those who are now but Master Masons. The best interests of the Blue Lodges demand such efforts, and without which, the Chapters of the Holy Royal Arch must languish, and the whole Craft materially suffer.

Let all zealous and diligent Masters hasten to become Companions, and let all officers of the symbolic *blue* and red be speedily awakened to a more realizing sense of their imperative duties thereanent to all their brethren, and a new era of work and worship be inaugurated, and enlightened and faithful companions of the Holy Royal Arch be everywhere greatly multiplied and increased. The time is now; the command is imperative; let the true light shine forth.

PLUCK WINS.

"Pluck wins. It always wins. Though days be slow, and nights be dark, 'twixt days that come and days that go. Still pluck will win. Its average is sure. He gains the prize, who can the most endure, who faces issues, and who never shirks, who waits and watches, and who always works."

CRAFT BENEVOLENCE.

It appears to us that there are many wealthy members of the Masonic Fraternity, who do not duly consider their duty to the Order in their donations for educational and other beneficent purposes.

"Thrice blessed are they who practically remember the deserving poor." He is a wise man and a good Freemason who considerably becomes the "administrator" of his own beneficence, and we trust that the number of those who are not forgetful of Masonic charity in their "last will and testament" will be ever on the increase.

The individual and organized efforts of the Craft, to assist the widow, the orphan, the sick, and the aged and infirm, are many and great. May divine "charity" ever be the brightest jewel in the crown of the generous Freemason.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.

It is very gratifying to note that the Great Priory of the Dominion has inaugurated proceedings to pave the way for the formation of Provincial Priorities in each of the Provinces and Territories of Canada, in which there may be at least three Preceptories. Greater interest and activity in the Knightly Order will doubtless thereby be created.

Such like should also be done in the A. & A. S. Rite. It would have been well if this had been done before the formation of the Sovereign Grand Bodies of these Orders.

In its old age, the London (England) Freemason's Chronicle seems to have become a "refuge" for "be-gruntled" brethren of both hemispheres.