

MASONIC EMBLEMS.

You wear the square, but do you have
That thing the square denotes,
Is there within your inmost soul
That principle that should control
All deeds and words and thoughts?
The square of *virtue* is it there
O you that wear the Mason's square?

You wear the compass; do you keep
Within that circle due,
That's circumscribed by law divine,
Excluding hatred, envy, sin,
Including all that's true?
The *Compass*,—does it trace that curve
Inside of which no passions swerve?

You wear the TYPE OF DEITY;
Ah! Brother have a care,
He whose all-seeing eye surveys
Your inmost thoughts with open gaze,
He knows what thoughts are there.
Oh send no light irreverent word,
From sinful man to sinless God.

You wear the Trowel; do you have
That mortar old and pure,
Made on the recipe of God,
Recorded in his ancient word
Indissolubly sure?
And do you spread with master's care
The precious mixture here and there?

You wear the cross; it signifies
The burdens Jesus bore,
Who staggering fell, and bleeding rose,
And bare up Calvary the woes
Of all who'd gone before.
The *Cross*! oh let it say forgive,
Father forgive, to all that live.

My Brothers, if you will display
These emblems of our art,
Let the great moral that they teach
Be engraven, each for each
Upon your honest heart;
So will they tell to God and man
Our ancient, holy, perfect plan.

CHANGES.

It is one of the curiosities of nature, that certain fruits and grains which at one time were the natural resources of the inhabitants, have, either entirely died out or become so changed as to be no longer recognizable as their former selves. Thus some parts of New Jersey where in years gone by there were abundant crops of peaches, there is only here and there a tree, and those in a sickly and dying condition. Some varieties of fruit have entirely disappeared. We are not sufficiently learned in such matters as to undertake to state the cause; nor do we imagine that our readers will expect us to vary this department by a statement of what we "know about farming;" we only name a fact which exists both in the physical and moral world and set forth in the old maxim: "The times change and we change with them."

Our thoughts have been led in this direction by some discussions we have recently seen, in which the views held by Masons, as the laws of our Institution, have undergone striking change. Thus, for instance, it was formerly held without question, that the Grand Master of Masons in any jurisdiction, had certain inalienable prerogatives