

institutions. Bearing the spirit of Faith, Hope and Charity, it stalks on, ever proclaiming in lofty tones the purpose of God ! Let the sublime principles of Masonry be acted out, and the world will be conquered—the widow and the orphan, the suffering and distressed, will proclaim in trumpet tones the excellency of its plans, the utility of its triumphs. In a word, it presents to the eye the whole moral history of the human heart, and the time cannot be far distant when its fraternizing principles will embrace the world, as the glorious rainbow, based on ocean, spans the sky.—*Courant.*

EDITORIAL DEPARTMENT.

MORE NEED OF SUPERVISION.

There is a demand just now for a stricter exercise of Masonic duty than formerly, fears having been expressed in some quarters that it may not be altogether for the good of the craft that we have recently had such a great deal of enthusiasm exhibited both in the old and new worlds, in connection with Freemasonry. It is certainly gratifying to every member of the fraternity that so much progress should have been made as there has been occasion to record of late ; but it may be necessary to be more guarded, for the simple reason, that many may be induced to seek admittance on the mere strength of the fact that Masonry has been making such marked progress, without at all considering what a serious undertaking it is for an initiate to assume the solemn obligations imposed upon those seeking for light within the precincts of a Masonic lodge. It is just possible that profanes may look upon the late demonstrations in England and the United States as affording evidence of a desire to be showy rather than useful. To dispel such a notion should be the object of all true Masons, and we trust it will not gain a sufficient hold upon the public mind to induce the belief that Masons as a body are fond of show. Were such an idea to prevail among non-Masons generally, the Order might well be considered in danger. Let all then do their utmost to discourage the thought that Freemasonry is made up of show and parade.

Because now and again a demonstration takes place in honor of some remarkable Masonic event, that is not to say that Masonry takes this method of recommending itself to public attention, on the contrary, there is nothing it is more persistent in than showing by good deeds and the blameless conduct of its members, that benevolence and morality form the groundwork of the grand superstructure it has reared to win alike the sympathy and admiration of the world. To lose sight of the true principles of the Order would destroy the object all must have in view when becoming members ; and to prevent such a thing should be the constant endeavor of all good men and true within the ranks. In order to secure such an end, it is needful that there should be a closer supervision on the part of those who are living up to the right principles of Masonry. We have little doubt that some persons would wish to treat lightly the serious business of becoming a Mason, but that is because they do not understand the importance of the step they are about to take ; hence it is desirable that the greatest caution should be observed with initiates. We do not think there is any ground for complaint in so far as Canadian lodges are concerned ; we but give a word of warning lest there might be a relaxation of duty. We would earnestly entreat our brethren to be careful. It has been found necessary to warn the brethren elsewhere, on account of the largely increased accessions of applicants for membership, and we repeat that too much