

ed at the desire of keeping themselves to themselves; were they all Howards or Percys, so much would not be thought of a wish for a broad line of demarcation; but in Canada, but a hundred years old, at least under the sway of Great Britain, such a distinction is absurd. As with our neighbors the Americans, so here,—“*money makes the man*”—and we invariably find that it never is those whose ancestry can be traced back for centuries who wish to draw such invidious distinctions, or hold themselves up as made of better clay than their neighbors. That this feeling to which we have alluded is rife in our good city, we cannot deny. That the formation of the Grand Lodge of Canada, and its future success, (which, however, was at first doubtful,) did not tend to ameliorate this feeling, is admitted on all hands, and that the present position of two lodges in Montreal in relation to the Grand Lodge of Canada, is the means of adding fuel to the fire.

Till these matters are settled, till we cease to have so many office-seekers, till a number of the brethren give up the idea of all being Grand Masters in one year, and till, more than all, we strive harmoniously ourselves to work together, never will anything Masonic succeed here. There are members of Lodge⁸ here holding from England, who will not enter a Lodge under the Grand Lodge of Canada, merely because it is so. Now, surely this is not a feeling to cultivate, or an example to show to the profane, that “unity is strength.”

It is better that this canker which has been in our midst for some time should be exposed, and a more fit time there is not than the present; we wish to extend a warning voice for the ensuing year; it will not be in our power to give you the same advice at a later period, and we trust that what little we have said will be productive of much good.

THE MONTREAL PROTESTANT ORPHAN ASYLUM.

We have received from that worthy Lady who has for a quarter of a century so devotedly performed the duties of Secretary to this truly christian and philanthropic Institution, the Annual Report of its proceedings, accompanied with a *brochure*, entitled “Historical Sketch of the Montreal Protestant Orphan Asylum from its foundation, on the 16th February, 1822, to the present day.” The history of the Institution is an interesting one, its struggles, its difficulties and its success, has been in a great measure due to the persevering industry of that Lady, her mother, sisters, and her husband, R. W. Bro. McCord, whose frequent contributions, with many other distinguished members of the craft, have greatly assisted the worthy Ladies on whom the whole of the labor devolved. This Institution is one to which we would draw the attention of every brother and every Lodge in the city. Contributions, however small, from

a large number of persons, amount in the aggregate to a round sum. A late melancholy event, which occurred in our midst, and to which the craft so readily contributed to alleviate, shews the great necessity for an Orphan Asylum, for in seasons of great distress like the present, a frequent recurrence of such a calamity would put it beyond our power, to relieve very many by personal contribution. Let us therefore carry our charity into this Asylum, and if an evil time should fall upon us, (which God forbid,) we could then claim as a right what would not be denied us as a favor.

We understand that the various Masonic Lodges in this city have voted different sums of money, amounting in the whole to over \$100, for the relief of the widow and children of our late brother Howard Dixon. A circumstance connected with this melancholy case not generally known, but which is worthy of record, is the following:—Mrs. Dixon and four children were all ill with that loathsome disease, small pox; when the father their only earthly stay, contracted the same malady, and in four or five days was called from time into eternity. So great was the panic that friends and all forsook the stricken household.

A poor Irish girl, and one whose benevolence overcame her fears, a former servant in the Dixon family, hearing of the melancholy state of affairs, immediately left the family she was residing with, went to the house of sorrow, and nursed the dying man. She herself at length contracted the disease, but we understand, and with pleasure, she is fast recovering. Such conduct needs no comment, this simple narration of facts must strike home to the heart of every mason.

MASONIC REGISTER.

From Bro. Hyneman, of the *Mirror and Keystone*, we have received the long expected *Masonic Register*. It is, as we expected, replete with information, and is well worth its cost.

It contains an excellent engraving of its compiler, Bro. H., while the masonic information is such as to make one wonder how it could be obtained at such a cheap rate. It commences with an able article on the origin of freemasonry, and gives the translation of a poem written as far back as the 14th century on the “Constitution of Freemasonry.” The alphabetical order of the different states have been arranged, and their Lodges, Chapters, Consistories, Encampments, all defined.

It also contains many very excellent anecdotes, at the end of the space devoted to each state, to one of which, proving that the present Pope, Pious IX, is a freemason, we would call special attention. It is well worth the price, \$3, and can be obtained of Bro. Hill, who has but a limited number of copies.

We have received the first number of *The Canadian Freemason*, to be published monthly by Bro. Hill, at No. 2 Place d'Armes, Montreal. It is to be devoted, as its name indicates, to the furtherance of the cause of Masonry in Canada. We wish the *Canadian Freemason* every success, and commend it to the liberal patronage of all that mystic brotherhood who profess obedience to the commands of the G. A. O. T. U.—*J. S. Gazette*.

THE CANADIAN FREEMASON.—We have just received the 11th number, vol. 1st, of a neatly printed, and admirably got up little sheet called the *Canadian Freemason*. It is ably edited, the selections are most judicious, and the information it imparts of great value to the brotherhood of the mystic tie, and we cannot doubt that it will be duly appreciated and patronized by the members of the ancient fraternity for whose especial benefit it has been issued. It is published monthly in Montreal at the low price of \$1.00 per annum, payable in advance, by Dr. Cunyngame, to whom all communications must be addressed.—*Brant Expositor*.

THE CANADIAN FREEMASON—No. 11—of March Owl & Stevenson, Montreal. \$1 a year, cash.

Until the above Number reached our sanctum, no idea of its existence had been entertained. A little publicity through proper channels should be given to publications of this kind. It is a double sheet of 4to size, very nicely got up, and filled with information highly necessary and useful to the craft. It is not, however, very early in its intelligence. It does not contain, what almost every other paper in Upper Canada does, the proceedings at the recent Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Canada. “The Editor and Proprietors do not hold themselves responsible for the opinions of their correspondents.” The sooner the above is expunged the better. Nothing should be published in a Masonic Journal that the publishers (if of the Craft) cannot vouch for. One of its items of news is, that a R. A. Chapter is being rapidly organized in Montreal, under the Grand Lodge of Canada! What has the Grand Chapter of Canada to do with any new Chapter of R. A. Masons.—*Kingston Whig*.

We thank you brother *Whig* for your notice and advice, we will endeavour to improve on both; but the truth is, the proprietor of the journal undertook its publication out of love for the Order, and as yet, the return has left him minus in dollars and dimes, so that he is up to the present time unable to offer any inducement in a pecuniary point of view to devote his time to its management. From these facts it will be readily understood that he is obliged to trust to the voluntary contributions of friends in order to fill the journal. He had lately to appeal to the subscribers, who are not as numerous as he would wish, to pay up their arrears; that appeal has been answered as all true masons answer such appeals. To enable the publisher, however, to keep up this journal for another year and to pay the loss incurred during the past one, he again calls upon all Masters of Lodges to endeavour to increase the number of the subscribers: should he receive that encouragement, which he has a right to expect, with his past experience he will be enabled to render the paper quite as interesting to the craft, and even to the wives and daughters of the brotherhood. To the Masters and Secretaries of Lodges who desire a report of any proceedings in their respective Lodges, we beg to assure them, if