

In every step, from the Entered Apprentice to the Royal Arch, honesty, integrity and fidelity, in all our relations in life, are inculcated and enforced by the most beautiful symbols and allegories, while charity and hospitality are made the basis of the union of Masons of nearly every tongue and people under the whole heavens.—*Bro. J. W. Dadmus.*

As a Mason you are to cultivate brotherly love, the foundation and capstone, the cement and glory of this ancient fraternity, avoiding all wrangling and quarrelling, all slander and back-biting, or permitting others to slander an honest brother, but defending his character and doing him all good offices as far as consistent with your honor and safety, and no farther.

At a meeting of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota, held at St. Paul, last month, a series of three resolutions on the colored question was passed by the immense majority of 327 to 7 votes. By the last of these it was declared that color is neither a bar to, nor a recommendation for, the Masonic degrees in its jurisdiction, and that every subordinate Lodge may make Masons of any persons possessing the requisite qualifications, that is, who are free-born, of lawful age, good report, and well recommended.

R. W. BRO. MARSHALL P. WILDER, the venerable and eminent P. Deputy Grand Master of Massachusetts, recently said, in an address before the Brethren: "In conclusion, I will say—and it may be, God only knows, the last time that I shall ever address you—God bless this honored Institution, and preserve it through all coming time. God bless our Brethren of the Fraternity throughout the world, and make them in the future, as in the past, the conservators of the public good, and the benefactors of our race. And thus, Oh, thus, let me live, and let me die; and whether living or dead, let me be remembered as a faithful man and a faithful Mason!"

Germany has 325 Lodges, with 37,400 members. These members are thus divided: The G. L. of Berlin, of the Three Globes, 112 Lodges and 12,265 members; the G. National L., 81 Lodges, and 8,762 members; the G. Royal York of Friendship L., 43 Lodges, and 5,387 members; the G. L. of Hamburg, 23 Lodges, and 1,818 members; the Eclectic Union of Frankfort-on-the-Main, 12 Lodges, and 1,396 members; the G. L. of Darmstadt, 9 Lodges, and 896 members. There exists, besides, five independent Lodges with 1,300 members.

The last bulletin of the Grand United Orient, of Brazil, says: "Masonry prospers in all the provinces. It advances alongside of all the persecutions which Freemasons suffer, which proves how much Ultramontaniam does to bring out old Masons, who had withdrawn from the Lodges, and to draw numerous proselytes to them, who render, from day to day, our columns more compact. Almost all the provinces, especially those of Lao Paulo and Rio Grande do Sul, are conspicuous in Masonic propagandism by the practical realization of the means to secure the instruction of the people; such as schools, conferences, libraries and the press."

The Masonic press is, when properly conducted, only for Masonic readers, except so far as discussions of general principles may be concerned; nevertheless, the more the general reader can be tempted to read what we publish concerning Masonry, notices of degrees to be conferred, and criticisms upon work done inclusive, the better it will continue to be in the future, as we know it has been in the past, for the welfare and prosperity of the institution. In no well governed Lodge is anything done of which to be ashamed, and we need therefore have no hesitation in allowing the public to know, under proper restrictions, both what we propose to do and what we have done.
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