

zeal and earnestness and more thoroughly and conscientiously, but it was never intended that they should prescribe the particular manner in which that part should be played. It would be just as reasonable for a body of Masons to exert their influence in favour of this or that political or religious movement as for them to adopt a particular form of temperance movement. Masonry respects all forms of religious and political faith, but it endorses the principles of none; it inculcates respect for all the virtues and all the various forms in which each virtue is presented, but it countenances no particular form to the detriment of the rest; and it is because it observes the most scrupulous impartiality as well among the different schools of morality as among those of religion and politics that it has succeeded in exercising a beneficial—albeit a passive—influence on non-Masons. Its duty is to observe whatever is good, but without taking part in any controversy as to what constitutes good, and it will be an evil day for Freemasonry, when it exchanges the rigid impartiality of the bench for the biased advocacy of the partisan.—*The (London) Freemason*.

EDITORIAL ITEMS.

THE San Francisco *Call* contains in its Sunday morning issue, about a page of fraternity news.

CORRESPONDENTS will please send notices and reports of Canadian Lodges of Instruction to THE CRAFTSMAN.

MISS GRAHAM, daughter of M. W. Bro. Past Grand Master Graham, of Richmond, Que., is spending the winter in Florida.

We note among the officers of the "Eastern" District Masonic Grand Lodge, "*The Koran-Bearer*." "*The Koran*" is to such "the volume of the sacred law."

K. W. Bro. J. Soule Smith has been elected M. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, and R. E. Sir Knight F. H. Reinhinkle, Chillicothe, G. O., K. T.

THE "rough ashlar" must be of the right "material," else it can never become a "perfect ashlar." The old adage ever holds good—"A silk purse cannot be made out of a pig's ear."

FREEMASONRY has no rivals and no peers. It is *sui generis*. It is a peculiar system. It is not an "organization," nor a human invention. It is the outgrowth and outcome of the ages. It contains all the elements of true universality.

THE MASONIC HOME OF TENNESSEE.—Bro. Jerry Baxter has given a desirable ten-acre lot, situated near Nashville, for the projected Home, which gift has been accepted, and a building committee has been appointed.

ANCIENT EGYPT AND FREEMASONRY.—The Grand Orient of France has published in a pamphlet of 56 pages, the two lectures of Bros. Amiable and Guieyasse, the Egyptian savant, upon "L'Egypte Ancien et la Franc-Maçonnerie." (60 centimes. Bro. Georges Chastanet, 17 Rue Cadet, Paris.) The latter is one of the most remarkable addresses upon this subject that has appeared. The writer shows that the Egyptian Mysteries about 300 B. C. had become Grecianized, and had then taken the name of Serapis, with Osiris as the Universal Generator, and Isis as the Universal Feminine Principle, and that the black virgins of Europe are of Isiaque prototype. Societies of Alexandrian Gnostics, under the name of—Thiasies, Isiaques, were spread abroad, with a presiding officer called Father or Mother (according to sex), treasurers, secretaries, commissioners, sacrificers; and these societies spread into Italy, Spain, Gaul, and even Britain.
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