

It cannot be expected that Freemasonry should escape the reproach from what the Church is not exempt.

Freemasonry has administered an untold and incalculable amount of relief and comfort to widowed and orphanage, and to distressed Masonic brothers. These deeds have been done in secret. Darkened homes, where the shadow of death has been left brooding, have been visited by Masonic charity. Tears have been dried up, bleeding hearts have been soothed, bread has been dispensed by the noiseless hand; guardian angels have been scarcely less silent and unostentatious in their visits to the homes of poverty and want, and scarcely less lavish and unselfish in their offices of love and mercy, than the Masonic fraternity, in dispensing charity and scattering its rich benedictions upon the destitute and suffering poor. As the wilted flowers spring up under the refreshing influences of the dew, gently distilled in the silence of the night, so many a withered and broken heart, pining in poverty and want, has been refreshed and invigorated by the noiseless visitation of Masonic benevolence.

The Masonic fraternity, like the Great Author of every good and perfect gift, becomes the husband of the widow and the father of the orphan; and the days of eternity alone will disclose the amount of benevolent work performed in time by this Universal Brotherhood.

The Temple is not yet finished. Masonry has not yet accomplished its mission in the world. Let us work on. Work, work! This is the law. The time is short. It is past high noon with many of us. The sun goes down. Soon we shall lay by the implements of our Masonic work; and soon our offices of friendship and brotherly love and relief will cease.—*The Scotsman*.

MASONIC RECORD.

AT HOME.

THE Nova Scotia Grand Lodge have taken hold of the Masonic Hall project in earnest, and are to erect a suitable building for Masonic purposes on a part of the property, and to sell the remainder. The matter is in the hands of the following committee: Grand Master, Colonel Laurie; Deputy Grand Master, A. H. Crowe; Grand Treas., A. K. McKinlay; Grand Secretary, Dr. B. Curran, (officers of the Grand Lodge), with Messrs. Sircom, Hesson, C. J. McDonald, W. H. Hart, J. Gossip, William Williams, J. M. Mumford, Dr. Woodill, and J. Taylor Wood.

THE officers and members of Craig Lodge, 214, A. F. and A. M., Ailsa Craig, met on the 22nd March, and presented W. Bro. Wm. Matheson, P. M., with a beautiful P. M. gold jewel, with an inscription on the reverse side, Presented to W. Bro. Wm. Matheson, P. M., by the officers and brethren of Craig Lodge, 214, as a slight token of their esteem. Ailsa Craig, March 22nd, 1875. The address was read, and the jewel presented by W. Bro. Sands, after which W. Bro. Matheson made a neat and very suitable reply. Also, the brethren of Craig Lodge presented Bro. Wm. McIntosh with a beautiful gold Masonic ring, the same evening, on the eve of his departure for the Far West, as a mark of esteem and appreciation of his valuable services to the lodge and the Craft generally. The address was read and the ring presented by Bro. Tibcaudo, after which Bro. McIntosh, in his usual able manner, thanked the brethren for their kindness. After the lodge closed, the brethren were invited by Worshipful Bro. Matheson to partake of an oyster supper at Bro. Campbell's Hotel, where a very pleasant evening was spent.

THE Masonic Hall, Toronto, on the evening of the 2nd March, presented a brilliant appearance, the occasion being the formal opening of a new lodge, designated "The Zetland." Numbers of the fraternity, from the neophyte in Craft Masonry to the Illustrious Brethren of the A. and A. Rite, were largely represented, those of the higher orders wearing jewels emblematic of their respective grades. The lodge was opened by R. W. Bro. R. P. Stephens, D. D. G. M., Toronto District, who said it afforded him great pleasure to recommend the petition of the brethren desirous of forming Zetland Lodge to the Grand Master, *pro tem.*, as they were well known to the fraternity, the majority of them having occupied high positions in the Craft. The dispensation granted by R. W. Bro. J. K. Kerr, acting G. M., was then read by R. W. Bro. Stephens, after which he called W. Bro. J. G. Burns, W. M., to the chair. W. Bro. Burns, in referring to the formation of Zetland Lodge, said it was composed of members of every lodge in the city, and would undoubtedly have the effect of binding the fraternity closer together in the bonds of unity. W. Bro. Burns then announced the officers formally elected as follows: W. Bro. J. G. Burns, 18°, P. M., W. M.; V. W. Bro. F. J. Menet, 32°, P. M., I. P. M.; W. Bro. J. B. Nixon, 18°, P. M., S. W.; R. W. Bro. Daniel Spry, 32°, P. M., J. W.; S. B. Harman, 18°, P. M., Chaplain; W. Bro. James Norris, 18°, P. M., Treasurer; V. W. Bro. Thomas Sargant, 18°, P. M., Secretary; W. Bros.