

"is a most important one and affects the fundamental principles of the Order." We have before us the form of the application in use in the Grand Jurisdiction of which we are a member, and no allusion to the Trinity or Unity is therein made, and there is also no reference thereto in the lessons of the Order. We also know that many prominent in the Order do not believe the doctrine of the Trinity. We regret that sectarians are endeavoring to introduce this disturbing element. The Grand Commandery of California has most effectually squelched its agitation in that Jurisdiction.

A narrow minded man is out of place in a Masonic lodge. There must be some breadth of thought and ideas in the true Mason. He should have magnanimity and generosity of feeling. He should have respect for the opinion of other people. The teachings of Freemasonry, by word and symbol, are very poorly illustrated by those Craftsmen who are full of prejudices, and who would like to force their brethren to follow their wishes in all matters. Freemasonry bears the stamp of tolerance and liberality, and its best representatives are those Brethren who do not cherish resentments, who take broad views of all subjects, and who can walk and work with their Brethren of different religious creeds and political opinions.—*Illinois Freemason*.

WHAT IS A "COWAN" ?

A good many young Masons, and probably many old Masons, do not clearly understand what the word "Cowan" means, and for their edification we will give its definition as we understand it. A "Cowan" is purely a Masonic term, and it is derived from the Greek word "Kuno" or "dog." According to the Mosaic law the "kuno" or "dog" was a ceremoniously unclean animal. It was repre-

sented as possessing no sense of respect for things sacred, and in its nature no sense of shame, that is, from the human standpoint, for it would eat that which was unclean, and was called the scavenger of the East, and when the Sacred writings use the term "dog" as a term of detestation, it does not refer to the animal itself, but purely to the animal or Dog-like propensities as found in degraded humanity. Then we find those who had not been initiated into the Christian mysteries were termed "dogs," for in St. Matthew 7-6, it says: "Give not that which is holy unto the dogs, neither cast your pearls before swine, lest they trample them under their feet, and turn again and rend you." Then again a degraded woman is counted as a "dog" and men noted for their impudence, greed and love of gain are also designated the same, for Paul says in his letter to the Philipians 3-2: "Beware of dogs, beware of evil-workers, beware of the concision," and in Revelation 22-15, it says: "For without are dogs, and scorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie." In fact we might claim that anything which deprives or degrades a man in the shape of unworthy desires, evil passions, pride, greed, envy and contempt, comes under the comprehensive term "Cowan," "kuno" or "dog" which a Mason is cautioned to guard his heart against during his progress in Masonry. The term "Cowan" has also been applied to an uninitiated person or a profane, but we think its proper application is to typify the many evil characteristics that are to be found in man. (H. T. S.)