

MASONIC SONG.

Air—"The Belle of the Bar."

Excepting He has willed it, and His Hands
alone have skilled it,
'Tis but labor lost to build it,—let the work
be what it may;
Firm friendship must unite it, and the One
Great Light must light it;
Then it's brighter than meridian sun, of
beautiful May-day.
Come brothers let us see,—To us no mys-
tery
Is hidden, when our sacred rites can con-
stitute us free:
Let heart and hand unite, 'Twas said,—
"Let there be Light,"
And may our light still brighter shine, to
all eternity.

CHORUS.

As truth we all discover, let a brother help
a brother,
Let's be kind to one another, and as Masons
true and fair;
Let's try to keep the token, let our vows be
never broken,
For we're free and we're accepted, so we'll
act upon the square.

Those virtues we hold dearest, they will al-
ways shine the clearest,
To our hearts we'll keep them nearest, and
we'll love the sacred three;
The outer world may taunt us, they may
chaff us, they may jaunt us,
'Twould be better if they could but know
why Masonry is free;
The bond of union's sweet, when men as
Masons meet,
And grasp the hand of friendship, and as
brothers all unite;
The bond of union's true, if half the world
but knew,
That life's journey's rendered brighter by
Freemasonry's true light.

Chorus—As truth we all discover,*&c.

But the Architect has willed it, and His
Own Hands have skilled it,
And if each one has fulfilled it, thrice hap-
py then is he:
Though ancient is the story, still how bright
's the Mason's glory!
And if he's acted on the square, exalted
must he be,
So happy have we met, there's none can
part us yet,
Whilst secrecy, fidelity, obedience, make
us one:
The bonds let's closer bind, within each
other's mind,
The bonds of freedom, friendship, that can
never be undone.

Chorus—As truth we all discover, &c.

A GRAND LECTURER.

In my last article, I referred to the district meetings held in Vermont. Since then, I have had the pleasure of attending the annual meeting of the seventh district, held at Swanton, Vt., in the hall of Seventy-six Lodge, and under the supervision of W. Bro. T. S. Miller, D. D. G. M. The Most Worshipful, the Grand Master, as well as Rt. W. Bros. Hall, S. G. W., and C. H. Holbrook, Grand Lecturer, were present. Work on an actual candidate, in the several degrees, was performed by Franklin Lodge, of St. Albans, Eagle Lodge, of Fairfield, and Seventy-six Lodge, of Swanton, and in such a manner as to elicit the highest praise from the Grand Lecturer. W. Bro. Sturtevant, of Seventy-six Lodge, then called upon M. W. Bro. Meecham, Rt. W. Bros. Hall and Holbrook and W. Bros. T. S. Miller, Frank W. Baxter, Willard Farrington and L. G. Burnell, who made passing remarks, and the meeting then adjourned.

To say that these meetings are beneficial to the Craft, would be too tame an expression. They work wonders in the way of ritualistic perfection and social equality, and bring the *real workers* of Freemasonry together at work. There are no lucent titles hung out as a bait, and consequently you find here, only the *bone and sinew* of Freemasonry congregated for the express purpose of advancing the science. The Grand Master does not sit on a throne, swaying his sceptre with that pomp which seems necessary in Grand Lodge, but stands on an equal level with each member present, and it is easy to be seen that they recognize this fact from the *sarg froid* in which they express their views. This, in my opinion, is as it should be, and could the same "at home" feeling be inculcated in Grand Lodge, there would be more universal Masonry, and less individual favoritism. Country delegates, as a rule, are overawed by the spontaneous