

telligence that, during a terrific thunder-storm, his house was struck by lightning, and within an hour was burned to the ground, the family escaping with difficulty. The whole of our brother's valuable library, papers, pictures, and manuscripts, have been lost, with the rest of his belongings. As a collector of all such objects as have been included in the conflagration, I can imagine nothing more heart-breaking than this event; and when we remember that but a few short months ago Col. Moore suffered from a double family bereavement, I think some expression of sympathy with him should be made. He has long been regarded as a rallying point for true Masons in the Dominion, and the very soul of chivalry in the society of that favorite colony.

I am, yours faithfully and fraternally,

T. B. WHYTEHEAD.

York, Oct. 3rd.

Bro. Whytehead will regret to learn, that at the *second* fire which took place at Laprairie, since the assemblage of Great Priory, Col. Moore lost the greater part of the balance of his effects which were stowed away there, and that in addition to this, the appointment which he was to have received at St. John's, has not yet been confirmed. We trust a generous assistance will be given to the head of the Templar Order in Canada, by not only the Sir Knights, but other branches of Masonry. Sir Kt. Spry, with his usual energy, will take this matter in hand and select a committee to attend to the same.

THE THIRD DEGREE.

It is taught in the lessons and instructions of the lodge-room that one, and perhaps the chief object in endeavoring to obtain the Third Degree in Masonry is that he who acquires it may be able to obtain higher wages, to *earn* more than he can by working as a Fellow Craft. His knowledge of the Art has been increased by study and practice, and his skill and abilities have been greatly improved. He has risen to a higher position among the workmen; additional light has dawned upon him, and he knows

more; add to this the increased skill acquired in the higher position, and by the more important work committed to his charge he will be able to accomplish the most intricate portions of the work required; while to the Fellow Craft is allotted the more laborious and ordinary labor in completing the vast designs and reaching the great end in view. There are the foundations of the wonderful Temple, there the almost completed structure. Around it there is something weird as well as sacred, a halo of light as from Sinai, shimmering about it. Its designs were dictated by Infinite Wisdom; it is to be consecrated to the oldest and most sublime of religious worship. In its most holy place will be seen the Divine Shekinah; from above its most sacred altars will be heard the voice of Jehovah. Within its courts and surrounded by its unearthly grandeurs, a nation will "bow down and worship." At eventide, amid the glamour of fading twilight, there will be heard such music as angels make; while future ages will point to Moriah as the religious landmark of the ages, gathering about it all that is glorious in conception and grand in achievement. What if the wasting ages do crumble its walls, and barbarous hands raise it to its foundation, and the Shekinah disappear and the voice from its altar be heard no more; yet future ages will dig among its ruins for sacred mementos, and carry them when found to all lands, to be regarded as more priceless than gold, because it was in contradistinction to all others, and, in a special sense, the temple of God. —Bro. Cornelius Moore, A.M., in the *Voice of Masonry*.

THE GRAND LODGE OF NEW SOUTH WALES.

We are glad to announce that Wor. Bro. Thomas Newton, the General Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of New South Wales, has