

From the Foreign Correspondence of the Grand Lodge of the Indian Territory, we take the following:—

"NEW BRUNSWICK, 1885.—Just as we are about to wind up our report, here comes a little pamphlet from New Brunswick, which is packed full of sound sense and practical business. Grand Master Ellis' address gives the key-note. His views upon the formation of Grand Lodges, the value of a Grand Lodge Library, finances, visitation, &c., are sound, practical, and well expressed. The report of the Grand Secretary is a complete and clear statement of the doings of his office. The report of the 'Board of General Purposes' shows it too has not been idle; and the Chairman of the 'Library Committee' reports 621 volumes, and 3,691 pamphlets. The legislation was practical and useful. The report on 'Recognition of Sister Grand Lodges,' recommends the recognition of the Grand Lodge of South Australia, but defers action upon 'Federal District of Mexico,' and 'Independent Symbolic Lodge of Spain,' and it was adopted."

PROGRESS IN MASONIC CHARACTER.—A brother who appreciates the meaning and purpose of Freemasonry, will not think he has attained the end when he has taken the degrees and been invested with the secrets of the same. He will have aspirations for continual growth in the essentials of manly character—of true living; and he will regard the organization into which he has entered, as helpful to such true progress. He will not forget the lesson taught by the rough ashlar and the perfect ashlar—the inculcation thus impressively communicated that he should become wiser and better as the days go by, so expanding his mind, restraining his passions, and moulding his whole life, that at last he may stand forth a noble, symmetrical character, according to what is the ideal of highest aspiration.—*Freemasons' Repository*.

PHILOSOPHY OF FREEMASONRY.—It may not be easy, perhaps, to say in what the philosophy of Freemasonry really consists; but we think it may not improperly be asserted that it is built up on love of God, on love to man, on the great intellectual appreciation and moral development of the "homo," as responsible to his Creator, Preserver, and Judge on the one hand, and bound to display charity, forbearance, and benevolence to his brother man on the other. It is in fact, a realization of abstract truth, as well as the performance of the concrete duties. This, we hold to be the true philosophy of Freemasonry; beyond this we do not go; and we certainly, as Craft Masons, know nothing of hermetic reveries or mystical aspirations. We cannot, therefore, hold with those who seem to consider that the philosophy of Freemasonry is to be found in humanitarianism, positivism, intellectualism, Pantheism, or any other "ism"—or "morale independante," or hermetic mystifications. We believe it to be a religious and practical philosophy, alike honoring God and beneficent to man.—*Kenning's Cyclopaedia*.

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