

**"WE MEET UPON THE LEVEL
AND WE PART UPON
THE SQUARE."**

Who will not unite with Bro. Rob. Morris when he adds, "What words of precious meaning these words Masonic are!" The sentiments expressed in these lines are the life of Masonry, and constitute the corner-stone of our prosperity. Acting upon it in truth and sincerity, we can be reasonably assured of the perpetuity of our Institution.

Worth, and not rank, titles or wealth, is the *Summum Bonum*; the true and only qualification for admission. "The internal, and not the external," should be the passport. The poor man from his humble home is as much, and oftentimes more, entitled to our regard than he who dwells in a palace and surrounded with luxury. On the checkered pavement both stand upon a level, and there both should find the true respect which is their due. The reverse of this is too often seen in the world, and among the uninitiated, too often the one receives adulations of fawning sycophants, no matter what his moral worth may be, while the other, his peer, and more, in everything that goes to make up true manhood, is passed by unnoticed and unknown. In the Lodge and under the standard there required, it often happens that he who by the world at large has been considered as one of its lowly ones, overtops the others in the honors there bestowed; true merit being recognized and all are satisfied. The spirit of Masonry finds no place for envy and jealousy; each rejoices at the other's prosperity, and true friendship is cemented among those who, were it not for Masonry, might have remained at a distance. Prominent among the causes of this harmony and good fellowship, and which should be more cultivated, is that spirit of toleration which is brought out in all ceremonies and inculcated in its precepts. Differences of opinion must

and always will exist among the brethren. No two can think alike upon all subjects, and what right have I to claim that my brother, who differs from me on any of the thousand and one questions which are constantly arising, is in the wrong, and brand him as a heretic, or denounce him as dishonest? Both are striving for the right and are equally desirous of promoting the best interests of society and the welfare of all its members, while his opportunities may be better than mine and his understanding vastly superior. Believing him to be honest, I can respect his opinions, though differing from him, and by so doing, challenge respect for my own. By faithfully cultivating this spirit of toleration we can best preserve harmony in our ranks and be ready at all times to "part upon the square."
—*Masonic Tidings.*

**THE MYSTERIOUS MASON
IDENTIFIED.**

SIR,—In the December number, you published the item about the brother buried in California, winding up with the statement that the name of the brother was never known. I send you herewith a copy of the completion of the story, so that you may give your readers the benefit of the missing link. Both items I have had for over twenty years—cut from newspapers.

I shall be watching the action of the K. T. in Kingston anent the recent English difficulty with anxiety, as I fear as "Canada" (Ontario), as I am told, has the preponderating influence, she will give up her rights in the premises, as the G. L. of Canada did hers. Quebec, however, is not accustomed to back down, and if I mistake not, the Quebec boys are likely to make things hum before the recall of the warrant is decided on. It seems to me to be quite a compliment to the G. L. Q., that the Grand Priory of England is imitating her