

is required, and where we have seen Capitular Masonry most beautifully and impressively worked), why should it be a *sine qua non* in Delaware, Ontario, New York, Quebec, etc.?—ED. CRAFTSMAN.]

THE CATHOLICS.

A person named Larkin "was initiated into Freemasonry in this city (Toronto, Canada) not long ago, but to please the priest, and save himself doing penance, he positively denies it. * * * The peculiar relationship existing between Roman Catholics and their clergy is such that the latter are custodians of the secrets and consciences of the former. * * *"—*Ec.*

Catholic Masons of this fair city of Louisville have renounced Masonry on demand of the priests, but in one notable instance a Knight Templar, on his death-bed, refused to do so! Another declined under similar circumstances, and the priest refused to pray for him! Dr. Samuel Griffith (now deceased) was called in and prayed with the dying man. It is rare that they do not yield at the last, and the journal quoted thinks Catholics should never be received into our lodges.—*Masonic Home Journal*.

We have ever held that as Masons we have no right to inquire into a man's particular creed or faith. All we should demand is a straightforward answer to those constitutional questions with which every brother is acquainted. We admit Parsees, Brahmins, M. hommedans, Deists, Unitarians, Hebrews, and Protestant Christians. What right have we to discriminate between a Protestant Christian and a Roman Catholic Christian? Both confess their belief in T. G. A. O. T. U.; both believe that He will reward virtue and punish vice; and both acknowledge that He has revealed His will to man, and beyond this we should not inquire.

The rest, with any candidate, must lie between God and his conscience. The secrets of the heart we cannot penetrate.

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE REPORTS.

Bro. Parvin, of Iowa, one of the Princes among Foreign Correspondents, says *re* Quebec:—

"After very many years of faithful and useful service, Grand Master Graham retired, and his successor is E. R. Johnston, Stanstead; Grand Secretary, J. H. Isaacson, re-elected.

"Bro. Graham's address is not only eminently practical and learned, but is full of Masonic incidents of great historical interest.

"The sovereignty of the Grand Lodge of Quebec is not yet fully recognized by the Grand Lodge of England, yet it moves on in the even tenor of its way, doing good, and in full fellowship with *all* Grand Lodges in America.

"His closing words, after nine years of laborious work, are beautiful and appropriate, and we would gladly, had we room, give them in full. The Grand Lodge appropriately took action to secure the publication, in one volume, of the addresses of the learned brother and officer, and we hope soon to possess a copy of so valuable and interesting a work."

EDITORIAL ITEMS.

The Grand Lodge of New York wastes in the payment of representatives to her communications about \$20,000 per annum. New York Masons are fortunate in having no impoverished widows and starving orphans, who require firewood and food. Oh! dear, no. Pay members of Grand Lodge *per diem* and traveling expenses, and leave the poor to starve.