

very little of that which should be understood by Masons as charity.

Charity is Heaven-born, and teaches a Mason that he should regard another's name and character as he would his own, and never be inclined to spread a scandal about him, without at least giving him an opportunity to be heard in his own defence. All men are prone to err; therefore a truly charitable man will seek to warn another of his errors, not to spread abroad the report that would be likely to crush him before he has actually fallen. And this, perhaps, without the unfortunate person knowing that he has been accused.

Charity will cause a true Mason to visit the sick, bury the dead, and educate the orphan. These things may not require the expenditure of money on his part. Sympathy in distress and suffering often costs very little more than personal trouble and an expenditure of spare time. To watch by the bedside of the sick may be monotonous; but the truly charitable man will rarely hesitate to perform such a duty, even if he should not be on a "charity committee."

The mantle of charity is expansive; in fact, it has no limit. Its application should be as extensive as from earth to heaven, and it should be always at hand to cover the unfortunate.

Then let Masons exercise true charity in all their thoughts, words and actions, and to love their neighbors as themselves.—*Exchange.*

A FAIR STATEMENT.

It is not the province of Masonry to foist upon the community a member morally or mentally imperfect, to the injury of the community. If it seeks to regulate a condition of affairs, it must be for the better. Masonry does not comprehend in its grand scheme the tearing down, but building up of the State. Neither is it any part of Masonry to shield guilt, be it within or without its fold; it

guarantees to its members no immunity from just punishment, but will protect them in their rights, and see to it that they are not harshly dealt with. Strict and impartial justice it metes out to its members; this, and no more, it expects to be meted them.—*M. W. Grand Master Freeman, of Arizona.*

ALLISTON, 26th April, 1886.

To the Editor of the CRAFTSMAN:—

DEAR SIR AND COMP. — For the benefit of your readers belonging to the Chapter, I beg to report, that a Special Convocation of Spry Chapter was holden in the Masonic Hall, at Alliston, on the 20th inst., at which were present, R. E. Comp. Alex. Patterson, Grand Supt. Toronto District; R. E. Comp. J. McL. Stevenson, Past Grand Supt. Toronto District; M. E. Comp. Daniel Spry, Past Grand Master G. R. C., A. F. & A. M.; and Ex-Comp. Downey, and Comp. Dollery, of Barrie, as visiting Comps. The Chapter was opened by Ex-Comp. T. S. Patterson, Prin. Z. of Spry Chapter, at about eight o'clock, p.m., when the Degrees of M. M., P. M., M. E. M. and R. A. were conferred upon six candidates, who had previously been balloted for and accepted. Spry Chapter is the youngest bearing allegiance to the Grand Chapter, having only received its warrant at the last meeting of the Grand Chapter. Its growth has been steady and sure, and in the fullness of time will bring forth fruit worthy of the Grand Chapter with which it is connected. After the degree of M. E. M. had been conferred, the Comps. adjourned from labor to refreshment, which had been prepared in excellent style at the Revere House, after which, the H. R. A. Degree was conferred. Yours fraternally, S. W. HOWARD, Scribe E.

The millennium is due, according to Prince Krapotkine, in fourteen years. "Before 1900 we shall be delivered from the fleecing capitalists and monopolists, from State despotism and sophistry."