

provided for in certain cases of distress.—*Fort's Historical Treatise on Early Builders' Marks.*

Masons' lodges around a large cathedral or monastery were so numerous that they presented the appearance of villages, and gave the name to the curtilage or plaza surrounding the edifice. Those that stood in close propinquity to St. Mark's at Venice bore the title of *Corti delle Tagliapetra*, or Square of the Stone-cutters. As late as the year 1505 many of these lodges were still in use, having had an undiminished existence from the year 979.—*Fort's Medieval Conventual Builders.*

It is a curious fact, considering the hostility of the Roman Catholic Church to Masonry, that it was a Romanist who largely aided in its introduction into America. We refer to Anthony Browne, Sixth Viscount Montague, who was G. M. of England in 1753, and by whose authority Henry Price was appointed G. M. of Massachusetts. As the family were Romanists, Lord Montague was never permitted to sit in the house of Lords, and suffered other penalties for his conscience' sake. In Masonry he recognised a great level of toleration, and spared neither time nor treasure in propagating its tenets.—*Record.*

Bro. Josiah H. Drummond, of Maine, writes, "We believe that no affiliation fee should be charged in those jurisdictions in which they undertake to *drive* Masons into affiliation; we would prefer that there should be none anywhere, but those jurisdictions in which membership is held to be a valuable *privilege*, are less troubled with non-affiliates than those which hold that it is a burdensome *duty*, which Masons must be driven to perform. We hold that one has a right to be a Mason without being a member of a Lodge, and any law which practically denies this is un-Masonic."

Bro. Dave McLellan, or "Little Dave," as he is generally called by Toronto brethren, will, so a dickey bird says, be the next Mayor of Hamilton. If not too previous we tender him our congratulations.

P. G. M. Henry Robertson has been chosen by the Oddfellows of Ontario to represent them at a meeting of the Sovereign body to be held in Los Angeles, Cal. We hope the trip to the Pacific fruit garden will be of much benefit to him, and that he will return with renewed strength.

Bro. Dr. Archibald, of Rehoboam Lodge, Toronto, who died Aug. 12th, was buried in Norwich on the 14th. Several brethren from Toronto accompanied the remains from Toronto, among them W. Bro. A. W. Carkeek, W. M. of Rehoboam Lodge. At Norwich a large delegation from St. John's Lodge 104, met the brethren on their mournful mission, and joined in giving the remains of the brother Masonic burial.

W. Bro. Martin E. Snider, P. M. of St. Andrew's Lodge, Toronto, and York Lodge, Eglinton, died at his residence, Toronto, on September 8th, after a painful illness, extending over several months. His remains were interred in the family plot at Mount Pleasant, on the 10th. As Bro. Snider was an enthusiastic Oddfellow, the members of that society conducted the burial ceremonies. A large number of Masons attended the funeral.

The Masonic Fraternity has never changed its policy. It says to the profane, you must seek in order to know our mysteries. You will not be sought after. This first step is of the highest importance, and must be strictly adhered to. Any member of the Institution who urges a profane to become a Mason, is guilty of conduct unbecoming a true member of our Order, and deserves to be disciplined for so doing.

"Jealousy has no place in Freemasonry. We are brethren. We all are presumably doing what we can to advance the best interests of the Craft. Our methods may differ, but our purpose is the same."

The Pharisees among Masons are represented by those brethren who form rings—wheels within wheels—by which to mark their own superiority and secure for themselves honors and influence.

A lodge in Massachusetts recently built a hall, attached to which were two "ablutionary studios" for the use of the brethren. This is the Boston way of spelling bathroom.

Here is a rare Masonic event: A father assisting in conferring the degree of M. M. on his twin sons, and their mother and three sisters helping to prepare the banquet which followed the event.

The senior military lodge warrant, under the Grand Lodge of Ireland, is held by the 4th Dragoon Guards, and is dated 1758. The 29th Regt. is second with a warrant dated 1759.