

harmless, charitable association; but, in truth, the real spirit of Masonry is not confined to the relief of a brother's physical wants, or the preservation of his life when in peril—of which we have all heard many interesting instances—such occasions seldom occur, but every day affords opportunity to promote our brother's temporal good by lawful and honorable means; to help him by enabling him to help himself; to extend our sympathy to his troubles and our charity to his failings and imperfections; to make peace between friends; to warn one of his danger, another of his errors; to be patient, tolerant and forgiving toward all."

On Lodge work Bro. Kunzie quotes with good effect the words of our late lamented Brother, G. F. Gouley, who met his death at the burning of the "Southern Hotel" at St. Louis:

"The degrees themselves are simple and plain enough, even when done with all the machinery necessary to make them impressive and beautiful. But when we come to see them done by workmen who do not know or feel what they are talking about, cutting the work short as possible, and doing what is done in a miserably slipshod style, when even the most ordinary machinery of the Lodge is dispensed with and the work is done by officers who do not know whether Hiram fell from a derrick and was killed, or whether he died of Bright's disease, and then, too, upon a candidate who thinks the whole performance such a good joke that he must 'tell' all his friends 'a la' sons of Malta, is it any wonder that such Masons, so-called, never think of looking beneath the service of our truly beautiful symbolism for those grand principles of thought which underlie the foundations of intelligent and refined society, governed by the lessons of a pure and exalted education? We have not too many Masons in the true definition of that term; but we have too many members of so-called Masonic Lodges, and are daily making too many of them, and it would do the Craft at large a world of good, if there was a general weeding out of Lodges, which not only scarcely know the work, but are absolutely ignorant of the divine philosophy, of the principles of truth, justice, charity, intelligence and immortality taught in our degrees."

On colored Masonry, the Foreign Correspondence Committee do not understand the words of our Nova Scotia Foreign Correspondence Committee:

"Suffice it to say, that the Masonic sentiment of the continent is in favor of Universal Masonry, and that the idea of a white man's Masonry and a colored man's Masonry, as distinct institutions, is as repugnant as it is invidious."

They say:

"We do not understand the meaning of this language. In our opinion it has no application to the question. It is not the *color* of the Masonry in the