

VISITING Brothers are links that unite the ten thousand Lodges of the world into one harmonious chain. They afford us the best means of testing our own Masonic charity and the integrity of the Order in other jurisdictions. They give us objects for examination, objects for hospitality, and objects for relief. The Lodge which has the most visitors, other things being equal, is the best informed; they who give the most—the recipients being worthy objects—are the most ready to give again.—*Masonic Review*.

THE following version of God Save the Queen was sung at a recent Masonic banquet in England:

God save our gracious Queen,	Oh, Lord, our God, who sees
Long live our noble Queen;	Our hidden mysteries,
God save the Queen.	On Thee we call:
May peace and plenty reign,	So rule our hearts that we
Through all her wide domain;	May, in Freemasonry,
God save the Queen.	Faithful and loyal be—
	Oh, save us all.

JOHN WESLEY as a Methodist reformer is well known the wide world over; but John Wesley as a Free Mason is not so well known to the public, and yet the *Christian Age*, which is published in New York, publishes the following statement, which shows that Wesley was a member of the order: "The decease and funeral of Hugh Martin, of Downpatrick, are reported in the *Downpatrick Recorder*, which states that Mr. Martin was known and respected as the 'Father of Masonry' in the district, he having been connected with the craft for thirty-six years, 'and more particularly with Lodge 367, Downpatrick, in which the Rev. John Wesley, the founder of Methodism, was initiated into the secrets of the order on October 30th, 1738.' About 150 of the brethren attended the funeral, and clergy of various denominations were present. The Rev. David Gordon delivered an address, in which he referred to the deceased as a Protestant of true stamp, and stated that but a few hours before his death, Mr. Martin spoke to him (Mr. Gordon) of 'John Wesley, a brother Mason,' whose enrollment in the craft, it seems took place in Downpatrick in the year 1737. His reference to the great and good missionary, however, was in commendation of a broad catholic spirit which animated the founder of Wesleyan Methodism."

THAT is the secret of Masonry that no language can tell and no ritual contain. We can realize it in the power of association; feel it in the friendly grip; see it at the grave of a brother; hear it in the appeal for sympathy, and benefit by it in the timely council and prompt relief. It is omnipresent, prevades the whole world of being, enters into our most private thoughts, and forms our most cherished associations. Masons who realize the might of its influence, and see what the world is with it, will know how to estimate its decadence. In view of such a possibility, let us renew our devotions at the sacred shrine, and by our lives and conduct strengthen the grasp of the whole tenure upon the minds and hearts of men.—*Bro. H. L. Husmer*.

THE *Masonic Advocate* prefers against THE CRAFTSMAN serious charges of unmasonic conduct in "scissoring" from that publication without giving credit. In pleading "not guilty" to the charge, we "rise to explain." Proper credit is among the most ordinary of newspaper or magazine courtesies. He who habitually "takes what isn't his'n," should be passed round for general execration. But there are three cases in which failure to give credit is excusable: The first is when the borrower does not know to whom credit is due. We find a good paragraph, or even article, among the selected contents of an exchange without credit; what are we to do? We simply leave it without credit. We have tried the expedient of crediting the publication in which we found the stray, but have never found one honest enough to correct the error. The second case is that into which the most careful are liable to fall, simple neglect or forgetfulness. It is quite true that *chronic forgetfulness* is as grave a fault as *chronic kleptomania*, but if an occasional lapse is to be severely dealt with who shall scape whipping? Lastly, we do not deem it necessary to give credit for unimportant statements of fact. If we find in an exchange a simple statement that "the Grand Lodge of the Sandwich Islands met in July last," we don't deem it necessary to say that the information is derived from *The Sandwich Islands Trestle Board: and Expositor of the Principles of Ancient Craft Masonry*. Paragraphs of Masonic news are generally re-written for THE CRAFTSMAN. It is understood of course, that the facts are found in some of our exchanges. Those who have anything worthy of credit seldom complain about three-line paragraphs being copied without credit; while those who never achieve anything better than a paragraph are as noisy about it as a spring chicken over a half-ounce egg. That last remark does not apply to the *Advocate*, which contains good and valuable editorials and other original matter. Its articles being always