

unjustifiable, betraying, moreover, an entire ignorance of the "status" of Freemasonry in the United States. In our duty to the Order, therefore, as critical censors of what is going on in our little Masonic world, we thought it well to enter our "cavet" against such ill-digested and hasty utterances, by whomsoever made. But when we said what we ventured to say in praise of the American Freemasons, praise which we make bold to add is their just due, we did not forget, much less did we undervalue, the Canadian Freemasons. On the contrary, we shall always be ready to admit, and hasten to acknowledge the worth, the zeal, and the true Masonic spirit of the numerous brotherhood in the Canadian Confederation. We belong to an old-fashioned school both of citizens and thinkers, and we are among the last to undervalue either the admirable qualities or the patriotic loyalty of our Canadian fellow-countrymen. We hope, therefore, that our contemporary will dismiss at once any such mistaken notion, and will believe our assurances and accept our fraternal good wishes. We shall always be happy to insert any account of Canadian Freemasonry, whether statistical or charitable, and we shall ever watch, with the utmost feelings of fraternal attachment and good-will, the onward progress of our excellent Order amongst the intelligent population of Canada.—*London Freemason*.

It is gratifying to observe by the above, that the gentle hint given to our contemporary has had the desired effect. While we do not think our Cis-Atlantic brethren would purposely ignore the Canadian Craft—we must be excused if we repeat, that the neglect on the part of our English brethren to extend to us an occasional word of encouragement when speaking of American Freemasonry, is calculated to induce the belief that our brethren in the neighboring republic are held in higher esteem in England, especially when so frequently held up to admiration in the columns of the Masonic organ there. We are pleased with the tone of the *Freemason*, and cordially accept its good wishes in the hope that we shall in future read more of Canadian Freemasonry in the pages of our contemporary. Happy in the consciousness that our English brethren would not knowingly slight those who are of the same blood and language, we are glad at having evoked the fraternal assurances of the *Freemason*, and shall henceforth look forward to a continuance of the good will so freely and so well expressed.

MASONIC BRIEFLETS.

BRO. B. C. RLAKE, of Medina, New York, delivered a highly interesting lecture in the Masonic Hall, Hamilton, on the evening of the 28th April, before a large audience, composed of brethren and a number of ladies. The lecturer is completely blind, and this fact, no doubt, had much to do in influencing the attendance on the occasion.

THE Editor of the *Masonic Journal*, of New Haven, Connecticut, is at present travelling in Europe. His letters from Scotland are highly interesting. We have no doubt that Bro. Shears will profit by his visit to the old land.

OUR Montreal contemporary announces in last month's issue that the Grand Lodge of England has offered recognition to the Grand Lodge of Quebec, upon the same conditions as those upon which it recognized the Grand Lodge of Canada, which are to the effect that the rights of lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of England should be respected, while the latter agrees not to issue any further warrants in Quebec.

THE St. Louis *Freemason*, which gave signs of passing into oblivion, but thanks to the brethren of Missouri, is enabled to go on with renewed vigor, has the following kindly reference to the progress of Masonry in Canada:

"From the *CRAFTSMAN*, published in Hamilton, Canada, as well as from the reports and proceedings of the various Grand Bodies in the Dominion, we are much pleased to see and know that the Craft there are in a very prosperous condition, and stand upon a firm, healthy, and conservative basis."

THE *Jewish Record* is the name of a new and handsome hebdomadel, printed