

look forward without any misgivings to the future of Canadian Masonry. The *Freemason* has our thanks for its kind consideration, and we trust it may never have cause to regret that it has spoken as it has done of Masonry in the "far-off land."

MASONIC BRIEFLETS.

THE New York *Square* complains that the flag on the Masonic Temple, in that city, was placed at half-mast, by order of the Grand Master, out of respect to the memory of the late Vice-President of the United States, the deceased gentleman having been an anti-Mason. It also says that the Grand Master and two other Masons attended the funeral as a delegation of the Freemasons of New York. It was certainly an extraordinary proceeding, especially as Mr. Wilson was known as a determined opponent of Masonry.

Again Bro. Hentz has been distributing bread to the poor of Philadelphia, this time to the number of 2,000 loaves. That is the right kind of charity, and the example might be followed by others.

THE *Keystone* thinks it a good rule followed in Canada, of not conferring the order of knighthood upon any Master Mason of less than two years standing.

THE Quakers appear to be following the course of the Roman Catholics, for we read that a Dr. Hobbs, a highly respected citizen and good Mason, was not allowed to be buried with Masonic honors at Salem, Indiana. The Masons escorted the body to the cemetery, but were not permitted to enter the grounds. It is astonishing what an amount of bigotry prevails in the world.

THE late Bro. McCorkle, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, had been a Mason for fifty years. No wonder his Masonic experience was unequalled, for he had most of that time been in office.

THE Grand Lodges of Arkansas, Tennessee and Kansas, have deferred recognition of the new Grand Lodge of the Indian Territory, on the ground that the Territory has no sovereignty or head. The *Caddo Oklahoma Star* says the Grand Lodge was organized in strict conformity with instructions from the Grand Secretary of Arkansas, and adds that the inaction of Arkansas has caused the other sister Grand Lodges to decline recognition. The Masons of the Indian Territory have, therefore, good reason to complain.

WHAT has become of the Cincinnati *Masonic Review*? The CRAFTSMAN has been regularly mailed to it in exchange, but we have not seen a number of the *Review* for many months. Will our venerable Bro. Moore—known as the oldest Masonic editor in the United States—inform us what is the matter?

THE *Rockland Advocate* is the name of a weekly journal published at Spring Valley, N. Y., which has an interesting Masonic department. It is one of the best specimens of what the Americans call a "live paper."

A FRENCH editor has been brought to book by the authorities of Lyons, for stating in his journal that the Pope was in early life made a Freemason. We wonder what would become of the Masonic editors who discussed the same thing so long and earnestly some time since, if they lived in France?

THE proposition of the committee appointed by the Grand Lodge of Ohio to recognize Colored Masonry, provides that the so-called Colored