

ANTI-MASONRY.

"The fact that throughout the British empire, in the United States of America, and elsewhere, so many of those in every grade of society, who are most vitally interested in conserving, ameliorating, and perpetuating what is most valuable and beneficial in the present civil, social and political order of things, are active and prominent members of our craft, proves that our beneficent fraternity is a thoroughly loyal institution. The fact that so many of the adherents and leaders even, of so many different religions creeds and denominations belong to our ancient Order, shows beyond question, that Freemasonry is a most tolerant institution. The fact that so many men of more than ordinary ability and culture, are zealous Freemasons, is proof that there is much in and pertaining to our fraternity, which is worthy the attention of the best intellects. The fact that so many good and pious men are devoted craftsmen, demonstrates that in their opinion and from their experience, Freemasonry is an institution honoring to God and beneficial to man. The fact of its time-immemorial age and its world-wide prevalence, shows that as to its moral principles, its social order, its system of jurisprudence and governance, its stability and permanence, its educating influence, its adaptability to the condition, needs and aspirations of a free and progressive people, its humanizing efficacy, its non-proselyting and non-partizan character, its practical and all-comprehensive voluntary charity, and in short, its *raison d'être*, and its *modus vivendi et operandi*, all show that it contains within itself the necessary and essential elements of a true, universal brotherhood, destined to exist and prosper world without end.

In view of all such and much more that might truthfully be stated, it is one of the perverse problems of mis-

directed humanity, which almost passes charitable comprehension, that in this age of the world, the persecuting spirit of anti-masonry should exist in the mind or heart of any tolerably enlightened individual, or be inculcated or practised by any sensible, prudent man or body of men. It is clearly the off spring of a short-sighted and unendurable intolerance whose inevitable reaction even, will speedily and certainly be to the detriment and discomfiture of those cherishing, propagating and practising it. Freemasons, however, stand in no awe, and have no fears of the immediate or final outcome of persecution in any form or from any source."—*G. M. Graham, Que., 1883.*

OUR welcome exchange the Lancaster Pa., *Daily Examiner* has honored THE CRAFTSMAN by reproducing in its "Column for Masons" our recent editorial on the "Masonic Calendar."

GRAND MASTER S. STACKER WILLIAMS, of Ohio, has issued in pamphlet form, his own rulings and the deliverances of his Grand Lodge anent their non-recognition of the Cerneau A. & A. S. R. bodies. Anti-Cerneanism is dominant in Ohio.

"CANADA," "AMERICA," AND "BRITISH."—The use of the word "Canada" for the "Dominion of Canada," "America" for the "United States of America," and "British" for "English," in the recent "Imperial" address from "the throne," and in the lately published draft of the Washington Fisheries Treaty, necessarily marks a new era in the popularization of these terms in the acceptation thus given to them. "Canada" is all right; "America" is amusing and significant; and "British!"—Well, it isn't "E'lish, you know!"