

then shall we do at our meetings? I answer—anything, calculated to make your members better men when they leave the Lodge room than they were when they entered it. Anything to impress upon them the obligations to fulfil those three great duties they are charged to inculcate—that they may not be blasphemers—that they do no injury to their neighbor, that they do not fall into vicious practices and debase the dignity of their profession. Anything to bring to their minds the fact that “Truth is a divine attribute and the foundation of every virtue,” so that every Mason may be regarded by the world as one whose word is as good as his bond. Do everything calculated to build up and ennoble human character, to advance civilization and morality, to check and to eradicate the evils that afflict society. In short, do not let your harps hang silently upon the willows, while mankind are waiting and languishing for the song of peace and good will. Do not wrap the traditions of Masonry about you, and quietly slumber upon its past records. Do not make it necessary, that the alphabetical list of membership must be consulted to prove that you belong to the Order. As Masons, let us be known by our work.

‘Act! for in action are wisdom and glory;
Fame, immortality—these are its crown;
Wouldst thou illumine the tablets of story?
Build on achievements, by doom of renown.’

‘He most lives,
Who thinks most—feels the noblest—acts the best.’

As we meet the daily problems of life, as we learn more fully the needs and aspirations of human existence, as we meet face to face the evils of society, and the discouragements of human advancement, we shall more and more prize Freemasonry, as the noblest institution ever devised by man. And it is a matter for congratulation that opposition to our Order is rapidly dying out. It is true that the fierce persecution of former centuries, which in France, Spain and Italy doomed to torture and death hundreds of innocent men, only because they were Freemasons, occasionally shows itself in our day, in the slanderous and false accusations uttered by a bigoted priesthood. But Masonry is not disturbed. It shows no sign of retaliation. It goes quietly forward, turning neither to the right nor to the left. It attacks no church. It wars against no party or sect. If it is reviled, it reviles not again. If it is smitten on one cheek, it forgivingly turns the other. Distilling its charity, like the gentle dews of heaven, on all, its mission is to gladden, to elevate, to bless mankind.”

A splendid Report on Foreign Correspondence is furnished by Bro. Duncan McGregor.

Reviewing Quebec for 1891, he says:—

“The address of M.W. Bro. I H. Stearns, Grand Master, attracts attention by its tone of earnestness and truly Masonic Spirit. Indeed, such is the character of the entire proceedings, I am not sure but our Brethren of Quebec have grown

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