

By this mail I send you a copy of the report of proceedings of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Oregon for 1882. It contains statistics and information that I think will be of value to you in forming your Grand Lodge. As soon as the report for this year is distributed, I will send you a copy.

I thank you for the honor conferred in selecting me as your Grand Representative to this Grand Lodge, and beg to assure you that I will do all in my power to secure you the recognition to which you are entitled, and which I have no doubt will be most cheerfully accorded. As most of the American Grand Lodges meet in June or July, your application should be made as early as possible, in order to afford them ample time for inquiry. I shall be pleased to receive any papers you may be able to send which will assist me in placing the subject properly before the brethren here. Of course, if regularly appointed your representative, I shall need properly attested papers to this Grand Lodge.

I trust you will assure the brethren of my hearty sympathy and best wishes. Now that they have put their shoulders to the wheel, nothing should discourage them; success is sure if they only work together harmoniously, setting aside all personal aspirations, and working only for the good of the order; their reward will be in the consciousness of a good work well done. That the G. A. O. T. U. will bless and prosper this great work, and all those who are engaged in it, is the prayer of

Yours fraternally,  
P. S. MALCOLM, 32°.

The Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, in the year 1805, styled its Grand Master "Right Worshipful," but it has since abandoned this title for "Most Worshipful." The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania has always adhered to "Right Worshipful," believing it to be *right* to make no innovations in Masonry.

## MASONIC DUTY.

Not for a moment would we undervalue the importance of those matters of detail in organization and administration which are so necessary to the efficient and harmonious working of the institution to which we belong; but we must never allow ourselves to forget the grand object for which we are organized, and the noble purposes which as Masons we are called upon to keep in view. All our deliberations will amount to little unless they are subordinated to the great ends which form the only excuse for our existence as a society. We must remember that we do not exist simply for the purpose of increasing our membership and collecting fees and disbursing them for current expenses, nor even for social intercourse alone. These are only means to an end; and that end is ever the promotion of uprightness in the individual, and of charity and brotherly love between the various members of the fraternity. We are seeking to erect a noble temple of righteousness and love, which shall be vast enough to embrace within its spacious courts all right-minded men, and ultimately, if possible, the whole human race itself. All else is but the scaffolding—useful enough in its way and place—but temporary, and destined for removal as soon as the edifice shall be complete. May the great and wise Master Builder further this good work, and may all Masons be fellow-workers with Him in hastening it to a completion.

The importance of these general aims of Freemasonry has, however, been frequently brought before the notice of this Grand Lodge, and it is to be hoped not altogether without result. I desire, therefore, at this time to call attention more especially to what may be regarded as our great guide and instructor in the promotion of uprightness and charity—the volume of the Sacred Law—which, in the technical language of the craft,