

with her. The Grand Lodge of Quebec has, it appears, already been acknowledged by nearly all the Grand Lodges in the United States, and by several Grand Lodges elsewhere. We are, then, glad to be able to announce Masonic peace."

BRO. WHEELER, of the *Memphis Masonic Jewel*, thus writes of the commonly-received doctrine that the Junior Warden is the Prosecuting Attorney of the Lodge: "There is no law requiring the Junior Warden to prefer charges a. d. turn prosecutor. His being in charge of the craft at refreshment has made him, by common consent, the most suitable person to prosecute offenses against Masonry." Our theory is that the Junior Warden is the Master's proxy during the interval between communications of the Lodge. As such he must take cognizance of irregularities and excesses among the brethren, and is, therefore, the proper person to prefer charges against an offending Brother.

"HAS a Brother the right to examine a brother without permission from the Master, and vouch for him in the Lodge?" *Answer*.—There are three rules in regard to vouchment. 1. If you have been present in a regular Lodge of Master Masons with the Brother for whom you vouch. 2. If a Brother whom you know to be a Master Mason introduces him to you in person, and says, "I have sat with this Brother." 3. If you, as one of a committee appointed by the Master of your Lodge, have carefully examined a brother, then you may lawfully vouch for him. As a general rule, the personal examination of brethren *casu* by meeting should not be accepted. It is unsafe to accept such examination.—*Masonic Tidings* (N. Y.)

THE following good story is related of our eccentric brother, Lorenzo Dow: At Woodstock, Dow had an appointment to preach a Masonic Sermon. It was anti-masonic times, and great was the rush to hear him. Precisely at the appointed moment he entered the pulpit, conducting the opening services, and read from the Book of Luke the Parable of the Good Samaritan. Then closing the Bible he simply remarked, "I leave it with you, good people, to decide which was the *Mason* and which the *Anti-Mason*," and, taking his hat, he deliberately walked out, mounted his horse and rode away.

DEATH quenches common friendship; blunts the
edge
Of mere acquaintance; rends the cable-tow
Of social ties and scatters them like chaff;

But on the love of Masons—golden chain,
Stronger than iron—he can lay no hand!
Powerless, conquered, stingless, hateful Death!

THE Grand Commandery of Louisiana have by resolution invited all Knights Templar in good standing throughout the United States, to participate in the ceremonies attendant on the Triennial Convocation of the Grand Encampment of the United States, to be held at New Orleans, on December 1st, 1874, next. The Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania, by committee, are now making the necessary arrangements for the participation therein of the Knights Templar of Pennsylvania. Among the Philadelphia Commanderies which have already appointed Committees of Arrangements are, Philadelphia, No. 2; Kadosh, No. 29; and Mary, No. 36. No change has been made in the place of meeting of the Triennial Convocation, which will assemble in New Orleans, as stated above.

THE Grand Lodge of Nevada has stricken out of its Constitution the word "Order," and inserted the word "Fraternity." Either word is highly significant, but the latter better expresses the purpose and spirit of Freemasonry. Order is in conformity to well defined rules and regulations. Fraternity is, in form and spirit, fulfilling the principles of Freemasonry. Order is proportion, symmetry, beauty. Fraternity is all this vitalized and wedded, the cement of Brotherhood—the incentive which enables us to perform our labor and duty of love. Order is cold, calculating, exacting, mercenary. Fraternity is heartfelt and soulful—essence of life and love. Then is 't strange it has been preferred? Besides, Order is modern. Fraternity is ancient and the original appellation of Freemasonry. We prefer it also, because it is the embodiment of the command, "Love thy neighbor as thyself."—*Voice of Masonry*.

BROTHER the Earl of Roslyn, Past Grand Master Mason of Scotland, under date of February, 17th ult., wrote a letter to the editor of the *Glasgow Masonic News*, in which he said: "Any practical scheme that has for its object the increase and elevation of Masonic charities is certain to command my warmest support. During the three years I had the honor to occupy the throne of Scottish Freemasonry, I kept two things steadily in view, and urged them upon the Brethren *usque ad nauseam*. The first was the reduction of debt; the second, the increase of charity. I held and still hold all signs and symbols of Speculative Freemasonry, all pedigrees and charters of antiquity, as secondary in practical importance to these two vital objects. By extinction of debt, Masons will become rich; and riches spent on good works of love and charity mean an incalculable moral influence, than which Freemasonry need have no higher aspiration."