

A GOOD-ENOUGH KORAN.

In 1839, a very interesting incident occurred in St. John's Lodge, No. 1, of New York, when Mahmoud Junah, the first lieutenant of a frigate sent to this country by the Imaun of Muscat, on a mission of peace, and a Mohamedan, was made a Mason. It being impossible at the time for the lodge to procure a copy of the *Koran*, in which the candidate was taught to place his religious faith, a difficulty which might have been insuperable appeared. Upon explaining it to the candidate, he asked if the book which was used in the lodge taught them to believe in the existence of a "Great I A.M." On being assured that it did, he said, "that is a good-enough *Koran* for me," and he was accordingly received and initiated in the Lodge.—*Keystone*.

GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND.

Her Majesty having consented on the occasion of her visit to Glasgow to receive an address from the Grand Lodge of Scotland, the deputation of brethren met under the dome of the Exhibition in front of the Royal reception room, when the following address was presented by Bro. Sir Archibald Campbell, Burt., M.P., M.W. Grand Master of Scotland, on behalf of that body :

"May it please your Majesty, we, the representatives of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, humbly avail ourselves of this opportunity, when your Majesty has been graciously pleased to specially honour our Grand Master, to offer to your Majesty the expression of our loyalty and devotion. By no community in your Majesty's wide dominions is this sentiment more deeply cherished than by the Freemasons hailing from the Grand Lodge of Scotland, who are most highly honoured by His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales being patron of their Order. In the name and on behalf of the whole fraternity, we humbly solicit permission to express our deep conviction that in your Majesty we are privileged to possess a Sovereign who through a long and eventful reign has both in public and private life given the noblest illustrations of the principles which regulate our Order. We conclude by imploring the Great Architect of the Universe to long preserve your Majesty, and pour down upon you His eternal blessing."

Her Majesty handed to Sir Archibald Campbell her reply, which was as fol-

lows : "I receive with great pleasure the dutiful address which you have presented to me on the occasion of my visit to Glasgow. I fully recognize and readily appreciate the value of the charitable works which it is the great object of your Society to promote. I thank you cordially for the expression of your loyalty and devotion."

The members of the deputation were then presented in a body to Her Majesty by Sir Archibald.—*London Freemason*.

MASONRY'S DANGER.

We live in the nineteenth century, among a people that have found steam too slow and are harassing the lightning for their steed; among a people that crowd within forty years of average human life a century of work, as work was done a century ago; who are too busy to dream, too thoughtful and acute to be superstitious; who are intolerant of everything that cannot prove itself to be of use. A people who grapple the present and reach forward to the future, but who care little for the past; who think nothing of feeding their locomotives with the mummified remains of the Pharaohs, or of covering the most sacred monuments of antiquity with advertising posters. In such an age, and amid such surroundings, we cannot afford to rest content with traditions, no matter how glorious. The world is rushing forward and we must move with it or be left behind. I concede that Masonry is and should be conservative; I admit that it has no use for new-fangled notions and is safest when it abides by the teachings of the fathers; but I urge that we should put more nineteenth century vim into those teachings. Let us be more charitable, more social, more faithful. A meagre attendance at Lodge meetings, a year finished with no expenditures for benevolence, all this indicates dry rot, which must be checked or the fabric will go to pieces. Our danger is from within, not from without. The ranting of an army of detractors cannot affect an institution which has withstood the ravages of centuries.—*Grand Master Elliott, of Wisconsin*.

Let the business be done with all reasonable activity, and when done let the lodge be closed so that those who desire to return to their homes may do so.—*Times, N. Y.*