

The *Idaho Mason* has an article to prove that "Freemasonry is not Christianity." It is true. There is no Secularism in Masonry. The Jew, the Moslem, the Buddhist, the Christian, and every sectarian can unite and become members of this universal Fraternity of friends and brothers. Masonry treats only of our duty to God and to man, leaving alone all speculation as to our destinies in a future state, and methods of arriving at an unknown haven. This has always been the work of Masonry; but there are sectarians who would endeavor to introduce and interpolate sectarian doctrines and dogmas into Masonry. If any man seeks not to investigate the impossible and only to live and perform his duty, Masonry points out the true path, and by following that path he cannot materially err. But every Mason cannot be a sectarian, and he need not be one to be a good man.—*The Trestle Board*.

The membership of capitular Masonry throughout the world is increasing year after year, so the cause of complaint of a falling off here and there is only local and temporary. The chances are that a slight decrease one year will be more than made up by large accessions the next. If, however, the decrease is found to be a growing one in any particular jurisdiction, then it will be well for zealous Craftsmen to employ proper methods to counteract it. The best possible methods consist in the election of efficient Officers, a faithful attendance of members and good work.—*New York Tribune*.

The *Orient* arrogates to itself that it is *right*, and *The Trestle Board* is "wobbling into the camp of false teachers." His logic leads him to the position that one cannot believe in a Supreme Being if he does not believe in the Christian religion. How about the Mohammedan? We have met such dogmatists before. He says the signer of a petition for the Order of the Temple professes a belief in the Christian religion. In thirty-five years active service in Templar Masonry, we never heard that pro-

feSSION by any one: and, in fact, we know some Knights Templar who do not so believe, and we do not believe nine-tenths would more than give their preference for the Christian religion. If Templarism is sectarian more than this, then it is a "hollow mockery," and the great mass are hypocrites. Templary was, in its inception and is now, no more sectarian than Masonry is Christian. Templary is an outgrowth of Masonry among those who hold the general faith of all Christian sects—unitarian and trinitarian—includes many members of both beliefs. The effort of some close communion fraters to exclude unitarians, meets with defeat everywhere in the United States where it has been brought before the constituted authorities. Even the Grand Encampment has taken its position against the proposition advocated by our contemporary.—*The Trestle Board*.

#### FOREIGN.

Among the visitors at the last meeting of Lodge St. George, No. 176, N. S. W., was Bro. H. H. Seaton of Glasgow, whose M. Ms. Diploma has endorsements made by the W. Ms. or Secretaries of Lodges he has visited in different parts of the globe, America, various parts of Europe, South Africa, Victoria, and Tasmania. Bro. Seaton informed the brethren that he had his certificate endorsed by the Secretary or Master of one Lodge in every country he visited. St. George being the first Lodge in N. S. W. he had visited, the Secretary, Bro. Conway, at once made an endorsement upon the parchment.—*Masonry*.

The Freemasons of Kent have determined to celebrate the thirteen-hundredth anniversary of the baptism of Ethelbert, the first Christian English king, by presenting the Chapter House of Canterbury with the east window, at a cost of £600.

The anniversary of the taking of Rome, which was the end of the temporal power of the Pope, besides being celebrated by the Grand Orient in Rome, was also commemorated by all