

jury. Revolutions have not convulsed it, or in any sense scattered in any of its vital parts. Even in the darkest storms of the nation it has stood unshorn in the raiments of its own moral beauty, and under all the vicissitudes dispensed its charities to the destitute with an unselfish but cautious frugality.

Never intermingling with the bigotry of political chicanery, or with the intolerance of speculative theology, it has escaped the mutations of the one and the asseverations of the other, and hence it lives in the divinity of its universality, to fulfil its mission of "Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth," with the hand of readiness and the heart of charity. To give aid to the needy—consolation to the afflicted—protection to the orphan—comfort to the dying, and burial to the dead, are some of the labors of its mission; and, making no entangling alliances, it has been enabled to "live and move and have its being," under any and every form of government which human whims and prejudices have instituted, and which revolutions have destroyed.

Never selfish, never disinterested or indifferent of the public welfare, it has always, in every government, acted publicly in the display of its principles and in its vindication of virtue and morality. Holding jurisdiction only over its own membership and standing responsible only for its own perpetuity, its prosperity never hangs with the advancement or the overthrow of any other institution or government—either ecclesiastical or political.

It lived as well in the hearts of the ancient Hebrews as they wandered in captivity along the banks of the rivers of Babylon, as it did amid the splendors of the throne of Solomon.

The thousand years of the dark ages did not quench the glory of its sunlight, or check the onward march of its progress, for it has ever been faithful in finding enough personal integrity to save it from destruction, and a sufficient work of humanity to preserve it from decay and fossilization. Hence

its *light* has been found burning on its mystic altars among all nations, without regard to the particular forms of their governments or the changes of their administrations. Our own Republic has been sustained from the beginning by Masonic faith and Masonic integrity, and in the aggregate it has never enrolled greater numbers in its ranks, or more talent, or more learning, or more weight of character than its present showing.

The great prestige of its American progress has preserved much of its ancient honor, while the other nations and people of the earth, in *the one faith* of humanity vindicate the same mystic integrity. And until this humanity shall lose the type of its character, and morality, philanthropy and beneficence cease to be cardinal virtues, the crowning excellence of the "Mystic Tie" will doubtless continue to be exemplified in promoting the universal brotherhood of man — *Masonic Advocate*.

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CANADIAN.

The *Winnipeg Free Press* of a recent date said that Grand Secretary Scott, of the A. F. & A. M., received from Mr. W. W. Bannatyne, of that city, the Mason's apron worn by his father, the late Hon. A. G. B. Bannatyne, which was brought from Chicago in 1865, and is honored as a relic, having been the first ever worn in Winnipeg. Mr. Bannatyne found it among his father's papers. Mr. A. G. B. Bannatyne was a member of Northern Light Lodge, which received its dispensation from the Grand Lodge of Minnesota, and of which Sir John Schultz was the first Worshipful Master. The apron will be placed among the other valued relics of the earlier Masonry in the new Temple there.

AMERICAN.

Among the active members of the Supreme Council of the Southern Jur-