

spirit, preclude the brother's advancement; that that regulation applies to a person desiring to be made a *Mason*: the person here asking for relief is not such an one, for he has already been made a Mason in the true sense of that expression; that his status is changed from that of a profane, and the fact must be recognized that as an E. A. he has claims, and certain, perhaps not very definite, yet still substantial, Masonic rights which he did not before enjoy. Since the regulation presents no barrier, what should be done with him upon the broad and general principles of Masonic right, justice and charity?

"Second, It is no fault of the brother that he did not receive the degree before he was maimed.

"Third, That if we refuse to complete his Masonic education we would seem to be unjust.

"Fourth, By no possibility can we be harmed by finishing the work. The committee recommend his advancement. The report was adopted by the Grand Lodge, and now the question is settled in that Grand Jurisdiction that a candidate who is maimed after his initiation, can be advanced.

"The great question, in our mind, and that upon which the whole matter turns, is this: When is a man made a Mason? When so made in due form?

"If at his initiation, then that settles the question as to his claims, and defines 'his rights.' If not, then the question is still an open one, and we are no nearer a solution than before."

DUTY OF MASONS.

Any Order, to become prominent, must practice what they preach. Of these there can be no better choice than the Masonic Order. We are taught to be just to all men, to do good to one another, and have a generous and due regard for the happiness and welfare of others, while seeking to promote our own. We are enjoined to practice self-denial with-

out self-abnegation; to relieve the distressed without privation and injury to those who are dependent upon our exertions. In fact, the Order of Masonry, as the handmaid of religion, is well designed to assist the pilgrim of life in contending against the trials of mortality, and accompanies him to the very threshold of whatsoever temple he may deem best suited to the worship and praise of our Father and our God.

The very basis of Masonry is brotherly love, relief and truth, and to "do unto others as we would they should do to us." The true Mason's trust is in God, and to the man who finds it possible to entertain this hope, how different an aspect the world wears—casting his glance forward, how wondrous a light rests upon the future, the farther he extends his vision the brighter the light—animated by a hope more sublime than wishes bounded to earth ever before inspired—he feels armed with the courage to oppose surrounding prejudices and the welfare of hostile customs. No sectarian advantage, no petty benefit is before him; he sees but the regeneration of mankind. From the disease, famine and toil around him, his spirit bursts into prophecy, and dwells among the eternal and everlasting ages. Then let us practice what we preach, ever bearing in mind this, our first duty to each other, whether assembled in lodge or scattered abroad in the various walks of life.—*Thomas H. Douglas.*

ADVANCEMENT IN MASONRY.

Some things advance fastest when they appear to stand still. According to astronomers our globe is moving rapidly through space, and at the same time revolving rapidly on its own axis; while to each of us it appears the most steady globe imaginable, and actually immovable. The reason why it appears so steady is that it moves in accordance with law. So