

to further lower the dignity and cheapen the prestige of our Order"; but when he says: "The social tone of the Order is not now so high as it was fifteen or twenty years ago," he speaks about something he was too juvenile to know about. To-day we have a greater number of associations claiming the suffrages of our young men, but Masonry still takes the lead, and the quality of its initiates will compare favorably with any year in its history.

WE would direct our reader's attention to an article entitled "The Freemason Bogy," as a sample of the stuff our French Canadian papers enlighten their readers with. Freemasonry in the hands of the priests is a terrible association, and by a judicious use of its name, they are able to frighten the superstitious *habitant* to forego any improvement in their education system. Still the world advances, and light is forcing its way, notwithstanding the efforts of the church to keep the people in darkness, as is borne out by the recent discharge of the "brothers" in the separate schools of Ottawa, and the engagement of regularly qualified teachers in their place.

THE Grand Lodge of England at its recent quarterly Communication, after a long debate, refused to sanction the use of its name in raising a subscription to decorate the important National Cathedral of St. Paul's, as its position as representing Freemasonry might be confounded with sectarianism

"AN unfortunate member" writes us the following letter in regard to the winding up of "The Canadian Masonic Mutual Benefit Association." We will

be happy to publish any information furnished us as to the progress made, as we have no doubt many members of the Craft will be anxious for news in regard to this unfortunate affair.

Sir,—Many of your readers I am sure would be glad if you could obtain any information for them as to when the affairs of the Canadian Masonic Mutual Benefit Association will be wound up.

The license was revoked by the Government Inspector in July, 1894, when there was a large reserve fund, but no information can be obtained as to when this will be divided amongst the members or why there is so great delay and the expense of officials, rent, &c., still absorbing the fund.

WE take great pleasure in recording the exchange of representatives between the Grand Lodge of Scotland and Quebec, and have to congratulate M. W. Bro. J. H. Graham, P.G.M., on being appointed the representative of such an important Grand Lodge as Scotland near the Grand Lodge of Quebec.

AN exchange of representatives with the Grand Lodge of England will be in order now. Why not let the year 1895 put a stop to this long standing blot on Masonic unity?

ONE of the most magnificent Masonic buildings in the world, the Masonic Temple at Boston, Mass., was almost entirely destroyed by fire on Sept. 7th, at 10 o'clock, a.m. The library, and the museum of relics, escaped serious damage. All the regalia rooms on the third floor were gutted and the contents, the regalia of many commanderies, destroyed. Gothic hall, Egyptian hall and the Red room were