

as to so abridge soul-life that the interior consciousness is that of debasement. Suppressed sympathies are as dangerous to spiritual health as suppressed secretions can be to physical. A thoroughly developed, well-rounded manhood can only proceed from generous out-goings of heart towards others. What exercise is to the body philanthropic activity is to the spirit. As paralysis results from indolence and somnolence, so does physical palsy ensue upon mental and moral inactivity and slumber. A creed and platform-bound soul develops the bigot and the demagogue. A man needs a larger development than can come of denominationalism and partizanship. When a man joins the Masons from a heart desire to enlarge his relationships, he at once feels that he is a member of a community which extends beyond the boundaries of mere nationalities and leaps the hedges of dogmas and articles. He becomes a citizen of the world and expresses his cosmopolitan citizenship in the inquiry of the great poet :

"Shall I ask the brave soldier who fights by my side

In the cause of mankind, if our creeds agree?"

The idea of true life is not mere money getting and the soft ease that comes of affluence. He is the largest man who can feel the most friendly towards his kind. You can not measure him with a tape-line or weigh him upon a pair of avoirdupois scales. Feet and pounds cannot express his girdle, height or weight. You cannot estimate him from the assessor's books. His wealth does not enter into the tax lists. What is he worth? has a wider meaning than can be answered by an appeal to sordid standards. The elevation of his thoughts, the nobility of his feelings, are his treasures, and only angel-book-keepers can reckon such accounts. Masonry does good in associating men in benevolent efforts. It dries the tear of orphanage and hushes the widow's wail, and helps to bear the burden of the virtuous poor. To engage a man in such enterprise is to do him good. But we take it that the widest benefit of such an institution as ours is beyond statistical expression and in the souls of those who have been made to feel its character-raising power.—*Kentucky Freemason.*

MASONIC EMBLEMS.

You wear the Square, but do you have
That thing the Square denotes?

Is there within your inmost soul,
That principle which should control
All deeds, and words, and thoughts?
The Square of *Virtue*—is it there,
O you that wear the Mason's Square?

You wear the Compass; do you keep
Within that circle due,
That's circumscribed by law divine,
Excluding hatred, envy, sin,
Including all that's true?
The Compass—does it trace that curve
Inside of which no passions swerve?

You wear the Type of Deity,
Oh! brother, have a care;
He whose all-seeing eye surveys
Your inmost thoughts with open gaze,
He knows what thoughts are there!
Or send no light, irreverent word,
From sinful man to sinless Lord.

You wear the *Trowel*; do you have
That mortar old and pure,
Made on the recipe of God,
Recorded in his Ancient Word,
Indissoluble, sure?
And do you spread with master's care,
The precious mixture here and there?

You wear the Cross; it signifies
The burdens Jesus bore,
Who staggering fell, and bleeding rose,
And bore up Calvary the woes
Of all who'd gone before;
The *Cross*! O let it say "forgive,
Father, forgive, to all that live!"

My brother, if you will display
These Emblems of our Art,
Let the great moral that they teach,
Be engraven, each for each,
Upon you honest heart;
So they will tell to God and man
Our ancient, holy, perfect plan.

—*St. Louis Freemason.*

BRO. LORD CARNARVON ON PUBLIC AFFAIRS.

At the annual dinner of the subscribers to the Highclere Agricultural Association, North Hants, Lord Carnarvon occupied the chair.

"The Health of Her Majesty the Queen" having been proposed,

The noble chairman then gave that of "The Prince and Princess of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family," a toast which, his lordship observed, was only honoured in the second degree to that which they had just drunk. Their loyalty, thank God, was, he would not say so common, but so universal in this country, that it was difficult to find topics for remark in connection with such a toast. The Prince of Wales was a thorough Englishman, and there was no sport, no pursuit, and no interest in which