

indeed a good man and true, and worthy of all acceptance by the fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons.—*Keystone.*

JESUITISM AND MASONRY.

The new General of the Society of Jesus had come forward with a manifesto urging his provincial, and affiliated to carry out the mandates of the Holy Father, in waging an implacable warfare against the Masons, upon the political grounds set forth in the late pontifical encyclical. This supreme head of the Jesuits moreover urges that the most efficient means to counteract the teachings of Masonry will be found in the establishment of associations of Catholics in every society wherein a branch of these excommunicated secret societies exists, to employ all resources for enforcement of observances to the Holy Father's decretals and pretensions. Now the Pope's encyclical only denounces Masonry as a cloak, being in reality a direct assault upon the fundamental principles of our republican government, which the Jesuit chief exhorts the Catholics of America to overturn by means of banded conspiracy, in order to realize his master's favorite dream of "Rome in America." The Pope in his encyclical absolves his adherents from all allegiance to any state not submissive to his Church, and commands them to pay no respect to our laws authorizing civil marriages or allowing divorces, and especially to refrain from countenancing public schools not under supervision of his priesthood. The maintenance of all these denounced institutions is obligatory upon members of our fraternity, not as Masons, but as citizens, and subsequently is incumbent upon us to regard as an enemy, both to Masonry and to the republic, any man who directly or indirectly lends support, moral or otherwise, to endorsement or promulgation of doctrines inimical to those guaranteed our established laws.—*Corner Stone.*

THE London *Freemason* expresses its regret that the Grand Lodge of Quebec should have failed to obtain relief, at the hands of the Provincial Parliament, from the operation of certain laws directed against secret societies. Referring to the action of Parliament refusing to give a second reading to the bill granting relief, the *Freemason* makes the following avowal of its feeling:—"We much regret that our Quebec brethren are placed in so awkward a predicament, that they cannot meet in their lodges without violating the laws of the Province in which they reside; but let us hope the lesson which this rebuff must teach them will not be thrown away, and that henceforth the demeanor of the Quebec Grand Lodge towards its ancient parent, the Grand Lodge of England, will be more in accordance with the dictates of a becoming modesty." Evidently the sorrow of the *Freemason* is a good deal lessened by the thought that the Grand Lodge of Quebec, by reason of this discipline, may become more humble and docile in its attitude towards the parent Grand Lodge. We do not know how this may be, but we fail to see why the proscriptive action of the Provincial Parliament should in any way humiliate the Grand Lodge of Quebec, or change the issues in regard to which it has shown an earnest and decided opinion.—*Repository.* Right. The Grand Lodge, and Grand Chapter, of Quebec, are masonically legitimate, and although it is to be regretted *papal* influence has for the present prevented legislative action, that does not in the least discourage those who have so long fought for Masonic independence, and colonial Masonic freedom in priest-ridden Quebec, against the unscrupulous and unnatural actions of certain Masons acting under inspiration of the Grand bodies of England.—Ed. CRAFTSMAN.

Richardson Lodge, No. 186, Stouffville, presented W. Bro. W. H. Coulson with a handsome P. M.'s jewel, suitably engraved,