

following liberal definition:—"Freemasonry is a cosmopolitan and progressive institution, which has for its aim to seek for truth and the perfection of mankind—it is founded on liberty and tolerance. Every candidate must be an honest man, and possess such a degree of education as to enable him to comprehend the principles of Freemasonry and to promulgate the same. Freemasonry demands from her disciples sincerity of conviction, and to search for knowledge, and to acquire and practice resignation; she therefore forms a society of proven friends, who, linked together by the spirit of liberty, equality, and brotherly love, work individually and collectively for the progress of unlimited benevolence."

The *Orient*, (Hungary), gives the following interesting particulars:—"A queer case, giving grave cause for thought, occurred in the Lodge 'La Fraternité des Peuple' at Paris. In the work of Feb. 2nd, a native of Alsace was to be initiated. The profane stated, to avoid the hateful duty of serving under the banners of the conquerors of his fatherland, he had emigrated to America—lived there for six years—and had become a citizen of the United States. Having now returned to his proper native land, and decided to remain there, a brother asked him the following question, 'What would you do in case a war should break out again between France and Germany?' His firm reply was, 'I would certainly side with France.' 'But, as you are not a soldier you could not do any military service. Should you be entrusted with an important mission by

the French Government, as you understand the German language, would you be willing to undertake it? The profane declared that to such a question he could give no answer, as he would not bind himself to anything of the kind. At this point the candidate was rejected, and the ceremony of initiation discontinued, the W. M. declaring that the last answer of the candidate showed a weakness of character, as a French Freemason must above all be a good patriot." To all of which the *Orient* very properly remarks, "The whole proceedings, the questions, as well as the result, seem to us to be more appropriate for a political club than for a Freemasons' Lodge."

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