

decrepit, of the living to the dying and the dead, it neither discusses religion nor politics. Its basic principles are belief in a "Supreme Being," brotherly love, relief, and truth and charity to all men. It is a social order; patriotism is written on its banners, and its charity knows no bounds. Its heart is human, and its mission is peace, progress and prosperity.

The fact that throughout the British Empire and among other free and enlightened peoples, so many of these in every grade of society who are interested in preserving what is most valuable and beneficial in the present social and political order of things are active and prominent members of the craft, proves that Freemasonry is a thoroughly patriotic and loyal institution. The fact that so many of the adherents and leaders even of so many creeds and denominations belong to the order shows beyond question that Freemasonry is a most tolerant institution. The fact that so many men of more than ordinary ability and culture are zealous Freemasons is proof that there is much in and pertaining to the Fraternity which is worthy the attention of the best intellects.

Hegel in referring to: (a) The "Water Theory," (b) "The Air Theory," and (c) "The Number Theory," says, that the water theory is the beginning of Philosophy because water is a Universal, and it is also real.

It is a universal, for all other things are resolved into it; the Principle must not be abstract, but concrete, i.e., at once universal and particular. It is evident that as "Water" is here regarded as at once universal and real, the proposi-