

FREEMASONRY.

Possibly never was so much expressed in one word. To say what brought it into existence, what maintains it, and what are its aims and purposes, would be no easy task.

It is an expression of civilization, refinement and knowledge. Its symbolic language is an index to man's inner nature, and points the way of progressive thought.

It is tolerant; seeks not to inculcate its lessons of wisdom and knowledge by dogmatic teaching.

It charms and captivates the strongest intellects; compels, by its intrinsic worth, their homage and adoration.

Its lessons of morality and virtue cannot fail to make its devotees better, and to prepare them for the faithful discharge of the duties of life.

It is peculiar in its nature and extraordinary in its character. It is adapted to all classes of people, and it strikes a chord in human nature, which is well nigh universal.

Though unseen, yet it stands for a great force, which binds men of different faith and nationality in one indissoluble band, and tends to develop to the highest point the noblest sentiments of the human heart.

We are rejoiced to hear that M. W. Bro. J. Fred Walker, G. M. of Quebec, has received well-merited promotion in the G. T. R. Audit Department, Montreal.

We are glad to know that R. W. Bro. Thomas Milton, late Mayor of Point St. Charles, Montreal, who has been suffering for a year or more from partial paralysis of the right side, is now able to be about a little, and give some attention to his business affairs.

MASONIC EMBLEMS.

Among the edicts having the force of law of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana is the following on the subject of Masonic emblems:—

"Resolved, That every Mason in this jurisdiction is strictly forbidden to display Masonic emblems on signboards, business cards, or advertisements; and the Lodges are hereby directed to discipline any brother who continues to do so after being duly warned to discontinue the same."

At first glance such an edict would seem superfluous, that no decent person would attempt to run business by displaying Masonic emblems on advertisements. Of course there must have been good cause for this edict, for right here one can scarcely walk a block without seeing the Maltese Cross stamped on claret bottles, and the Square and Compass on fruit boxes and petroleum cans. The display of Masonic emblems on the person in a modest way is not objectionable, they often lead to pleasant acquaintances; but the use of such emblems on business cards, signs and other ways of advertising has become intolerable, and should be stopped by some sort of legislation by the Grand Lodge. The man who attempts to juggle with the emblems of Masonry is unfit to belong to the Order.—*Record.*

There is an evident "boom" in Knight Templarism all over the United States. Many favoring circumstances contribute to this desirable end. This Order has special attractions for professed Christian Craftsmen. The noble title of "Sir Knight,"—unwisely depreciated by some,—is one well worthy of being duly sought for, and should be deservedly and worthily worn. May the number of courteous and valiant Sir Knights ever increase.