

UNMASONIC CONDUCT.

There never has been since history was first known, any institution made by man, but was perverted from its original intent.

We take that of Egypt as our primary predicate. He that searches the records of this most extraordinary land and people, and traces back their origin, cannot fail to discover, that they at the first foundation of their theology by Ham, held the belief in the one Ever Living and Existing God. This acceptance of the truth was in existence at the time of Moses' birth, and so remained long after the irruption of the Shepherd Kings into Egypt.

Moses was educated in all the then knowledge of the Egyptian Priesthood and Philosophy, and was made one of their members at Heliopolis. In the Temple of Thebes, the inscription over the arch of the Sanctum Sanctorum was inscribed "I am that I am, and no man has lifted my veil."

We trace through his progress; while leading the Hebrews in the Wilderness, that all his laws for their governance were framed to a great extent on the models acquired by him from his instructors and education.

They contain as is seen in Leviticus and Deuteronomy, the whole duty of man to his neighbor. The laws of the civilized world at this day are copied from and founded on them.

Masonry as we have it—as all Masons have it—be their creed or faith whatever it may; have adopted the better parts thereof as the guide and rule of action. No finer theory of moral philosophy could be framed. The founders of our Masonry, went one step further; and gave Toleration as the Watch Word.

If Masons,—be their Faith or Creed what it may,—were to confine themselves and strictly adhere to the rules prescribed in the second above-named Book, adding thereto the

Golden Rule "To do unto your brother, that you wish he should do unto you," there certainly would not be witnessed, as is daily; the flagrant violations of Masonic Duty, as is most unfortunately in vogue.

To see Masonic O.B.'s. so constantly and interminably outraged, is indeed painful.

To notice as many do, the perversion of Masonry to sinister motives is heart-rending.

To observe those who fill high places, degrading the Order, in order to gratify self-interest, is in violation of all the Morals, Dogmas and Ethics, taught in our Sanctums and Temples.

The days of Dermott, Ramsey and others of like ilk have passed away.

The squabbles of Phillips, Herring and others have been, thanks to common sense and propriety, buried in oblivion.

Harmony—the great Beacon Light of Masonry, has predominated in Great Britain since 1813.

The self-same inspiring Polar Star has shown its dominant in Symbolic Masonry in the United States, since the Union of the Grand Lodges of New York, and peace prevails within her borders and boundaries in the original Freemasonry.

But withal, we find a rancorous and venomous spite interminably budding forth among single members of the Order,—among Master Masons.

To those we especially address ourselves, for albeit, many thereof are and may be members of the Chapter, Commandery, Scottish Rite and possibly of numerous others of the "haute grades," even up to the Sat B'hai with its 360 Degrees, and hold the ruling positions therein; nothing in the O.B.'s thereof can supersede those taken by a brother, who has and must first become a Hiramite ere he can aspire to that of the *ne plus ultra*, or any of those exalted titles? of which some are so anxious to obtain, and when obtained, tickle their vanity, and induces them to actually believe they are better than those who