

We regret, also, to learn from this address of the death of Bro. Myron Gale Foote, Junior Grand Warden.

The number of Master Masons in this jurisdiction is 458.

Bro. Christopher Diehl, Grand Secretary, favors us with another of his entertaining Reports on Foreign Correspondence.

Respecting the color line in Masonry, he says :—

Color-blind, as a Mason should be, Bro. Stevenson is not. He presumes that every negro was born in slavery—*ergo*, none is entitled to be a Mason. Wrong, my Brother. The Grand Lodge of England, the mother of all Grand Lodges, prescribes that an applicant for the Degrees in Masonry must be a *free man*, and there is nothing in its Constitution which says that he must be *free born*. To hold a man responsible for his birth is anything but humane. And what of the Grand Lodge of Liberia? We do not know whether the Masons there were all born in slavery, but we do know that they are at present free men and have been made Masons in regular Lodges. To us the color of a Mason is nothing;—our hand is open to the white, the brown and the black skinned Mason, because we believe in the universality of Freemasonry, and we would betray ourselves were we, as a Mason, not color-blind. All we demand of a Mason is that he must have been made such in a regular Lodge, which, with about ninety-nine per cent. of the negro Masons in the United States is not the case, and for that reason and for that only, we do not recognize them as regular made Masons. Any white Masons at all familiar with the constant quarrels and uproars and dissensions in the negro Grand Lodges and Lodges in the United States, must be glad that they are without our families; but that should not debar those of other countries and climes. Of course, every member of a Lodge has the inherent right to object to any Mason visiting his Lodge; but for the sake of Masonic principles and teachings, we hope that no one will use that right on account of the color of the visitor.

With all of which we cordially agree.

Commenting upon Bro. Vincil's expressed desire for a quiet and unostentatious funeral, Bro. Diehl feelingly says :—

"They are my sentiments" exactly, and I wish my Brethren in Utah to distinctly understand that whenever they are called upon to carry my last remains to Mount Olivet Cemetery, that the funeral shall be as plain as possible. I do not want a showy and expensive funeral, but I want that the Brethren of my Lodge do not offer my widow a half-ton of coal if she ever should ask for a whole ton. With this, I mean, that we should look after the living, and not empty our treasury for shows to the departed. I have been there and speak from experience. Let us cherish the dead in our memory, but let us help freely and without

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