

ther, while passing to the inner court, where they will render the most welcome tribute of service to the Father by ministering to the "widow and the fatherless in their affliction, and by keeping themselves unspotted from the world?"

If we are animated by the manly, self-sacrificing love of the brothers in the legend, we shall enter our lodges and chapters through a Beautiful Gate, and the portals will typify the whole Mystic Temple, wise in its adaptation of means to the design of making men better and happier, resting on the strong and massive foundation of truth, and enriched with the perfected grace of true Brotherhood.

#### EDITORIAL NOTES.

HOW TO MAKE LODGE-ROOMS ATTRACTIVE.—We cordially endorse the following from the *New York Freemasons' Journal*, and think if the officers of our lodges would make an effort to carry out the suggestions contained therein, they would find their lodges a pleasant place of resort:—"1st. Let your lodge-room be comfortable and cheerful, and give it as much of a home character as possible. 2nd. Let your furniture and regalia be neat, clean, and appropriate. 3rd. Let the intercourse of the members be entirely kind and fraternal. 4th. Let the work be at all times illustrated fully and accurately. 5th. Let the business be transacted with becoming dispatch and earnestness, and all the members feel themselves interested in whatever is introduced. 6th. Let the degrees be conferred with all possible care, without levity or rudeness. 7th. Let the exercises of the evening be varied, especially during the winter season, by brief essays and addresses. 8th. Indulge frequently in fraternal visits to other lodges in your near vicinity.

UNDER the heading of British

Columbia, the foreign correspondence of Montana has the following:—

Bro. Edgar Crow Baker, after having served four terms as Grand Secretary, is now serving his third term as Grand Master. In addition he is a member of the Dominion Parliament, and in general demand for all useful purposes. His address is of great length, but good enough to justify it. He makes a good point in reminding craftsmen to imitate the noiseless work on Solomon's original temple, in doing our Masonic work, even in dispensing our charity.

The brethren of Victoria have a Masonic Temple on a paying basis; the Grand Lodge, small as it is, has a Benevolent Fund, and bestows more in charity than some very old and other very large Grand Lodges that we could name.

Hearty recognition was accorded to the Grand Lodge of Victoria, Australia, and it is worthy of note how ready all the Grand Lodges of British Provinces are to extend the right hand of fellowship to those who are passing through the same experience that has taught them how much respect is due to the parent Grand Lodge of the British Isles. With all the differential respect so natural in British subjects everywhere, there are none anywhere but know by experience that there is a sad lack of fraternal feeling between the parent Grand Lodges and their distant subordinates. We would give more for the opinion of British Columbia respecting the course of the Australian Provinces, than for that of any of our older Grand Lodges, whose experience has given them no opportunity to judge of the difficulties to be encountered at every step and effort toward independence. The success and credit that have been attained by the Grand Lodges in all the British-American Provinces, assures like success in the Australian Provinces. The end will vindicate and justify the ways and means.