

"AVATAR!"

According to the Occultism of the Orient (as is said) the Earth with the rest of the planetary system, is now near the end of another cycle of about two thousand years duration, and during about three years of its close the world and its inhabitants undergo a period of great material, mental, moral, social and general disturbance, disquiet, unrest and evil,—produced chiefly by the electrical, magnetic and other effects resulting from the "conjunction" of the great planets of our system, conjoined with other great and occult causes.

The "prophecy" is that with the close of the present "cycle"—now soon to be,—a new and far more glorious era (the like in duration) of peace, health, plenty, progress, prosperity, and of the mental, moral, social and political amelioration of mankind,—will be ushered in;—and, (what is even more astounding to Western and non-occult minds)—it is also a part of the "prophecy" (?) that with the inauguration of the new "cycle" or "era",—another "Avatar" will appear amongst men,—which (to the Hindu occultist) signifies—another "incarnation of Deity and his appearance in some manifest shape on Earth."

Be it understood, however, by all who may read or learn of the foregoing, that the Sages of the Orient, the Mystic Brethren of the East, lay no claim to what is usually called "the gift of prophecy,"—but profess only to be "Students of Nature!"

Like Freemasons, the occultists of the Orient, are a non-proselyting fraternity,—and of such, the "most

straittest sect." Their wisdom is chiefly "esoteric," and but little thereof is ever communicated to the "outer world," and then only by "instructions," and upon very rare and important occasions. Our "limit" for the present, is reached. "*Verbum sat sapienti!*"

INSTALLATION.

The time is again drawing near when the important services of installing-officers will be in demand.

The ceremonial of installation in both lodge and chapter, is no unimportant factor in Freemasonry, and all installing-officers should make thorough and complete preparations effectively and impressively to do their work.

We have seen with great pleasure; satisfaction and profit, the whole of the installation of all the officers of a lodge, including all the charges, instructions and lectures, admirably performed without the least monitorial aid in the lodge-room. Such, whenever practicable, should always be the case, whether the installation be wholly private, or in part public.

Why is it pray, that meetings for the rehearsal of the ceremonies of installation are now almost unknown in Canadian Freemasonry? This should not so be.

Let any brother read the long list of lodge and chapter meetings for instruction and rehearsal, published weekly in *The* (London, England) *Freemason*, and learn therefrom one of the secrets of the great excellence in work of so many of their lodges and chapters.

Note the same in connection with