

Masonic mark of your esteem and respect. My aim R. W. Sir, has been to promote the welfare of our noble order, and I have always felt a deep interest in the Craft, and have often regretted that my time was so limited as to prevent me from giving it that careful attention which it so well and worthily deserved, and I feel that any little services I may have rendered this Lodge are this evening more than rewarded, and I shall wear this Emblem of my Office with pride and satisfaction. Permit me again to thank you sincerely for this mark of your approbation, which shall long be remembered.

The jewels were from the shop of Messrs. Hoffnung & Co., and it is needless to say, reflect great credit both upon the manufacturer and artist.

Bro. Taylor, Secretary of the Kilwinning Lodge, received as a special mark of esteem and friendship from the Brethren of his Lodge, a Master Mason's Jewel, and replied in an excellent speech, showing that though not a very old mason, it was his earnest wish and desire to be a good one.

At twelve o'clock the Lodges were closed and the Brethren departed in harmony.

"Happy to meet, sorry to part;
And happy to meet again."

We have received from the Grand Secretaries of the Grand Lodges of Canada, and Iowa, their annual reports, for which they will please accept our best thanks.

(The Editor & Proprietors do not hold themselves responsible for the opinions of Correspondents.)

To the Editor of the CANADIAN FREEMASON.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER.—A great deal has been said and written on the subject of the treatment of the Masonic Body at Ottawa, by the Provincial Government. Your able correspondent P. G. M. has shown the contrast between the Cape of Good Hope and Canada, under circumstances of a like character. Our R. W. G. M. has given us the few facts as far as he was concerned with the Government in the matter, but no one has solved the mystery; the why and the wherefore which Governments always give when either consenting or refusing to do anything. The Duke of Newcastle and Sir Edmund Head have in turns been charged with this wanton outrage, for I can call it nothing else. The true causes, as I before said, are enveloped in mystery, or supposed to be, but the cob-web that shrouds this mystery is so flimsy, that without being a prophet or the son of a prophet, I will venture to give you my view of the subject.

The R. W. G. M. tells us that it was determined at a meeting of the Executive &c. I neither wish to interfere in Politics or Religion, and I am sure you will never permit your columns to be occupied with either one or the

other subject; but, there are no rules without exceptions, and, when it is necessary to ask the secret causes which have led to so flagrant a departure from common decency, one may be permitted to tread on what otherwise he considered as forbidden ground, in search of truth. One must amputate the limb to save the body.

Now it is a well known fact, that it was proposed to lay the Corner Stone of the Court House in this city, with Masonic Honours; that the Executive refused, and what were the reasons, privately given to the Craft, but which were never embodied in any official communication? Why, the Court House was built by taxes, levied alike on Protestants and Roman Catholics; that the Romish Clergy had denounced Masonry from the pulpit, and that it would be offensive to the Roman Catholic portion of the population. Now, who is the one man power of the Cabinet? Why, the man who made such a flaming ultra-montane speech at Quebec not long since, and subscribed so very liberally to crush the rising liberties of Italy. If over the secret of that Cabinet meeting is revealed, you will find that this is the chief reason, slightly aided by another. Our R. W. G. M. is only a Minister's Deputy, and, although their superior in the qualities both of head and heart that make a man a mason, and a gentleman, would have taken precedence of his superiors in office, had the ceremony been conducted Masonically. This the small minds of the Cabinet could not stand. I know, it will be attempted to be denied, as it has been before, that the Roman Catholic Clergy are not opposed to Masonry. I assert the fact, that it is, and has been for nearly a century and a half. There is more than one mason in this city, who has been obliged to confess and to renounce all to obtain the rites of the church.

The death bed scene of the late the Hon. Claude Denechand, P. G. M. of Quebec is well known, and why? Because the Roman Catholic Clergy fully understand, that once a man becomes a mason, and a true one, he ceases to be a bigot. The volume of the Sacred Law alone becomes the unerring standard of his belief. That as he progresses onward, in the higher degrees, the more he becomes a convert to the belief, every thing tending to a higher degree of morality ought to be encouraged, and that freedom of opinion in matters concerning our eternal welfare should be left untrammelled by any religious fetters.

Yours fraternally,
P. M.

THE FREE MASON in Canada of highest personal rank (not Masonic rank) is his Grace, the newly created Archbishop of Montreal, Dr. Francis Fulford, who was initiated, passed and raised in the Apollo University Lodge of Oxford, in the year 1821. His Grace has been forty years a Mason and has ever been a warm admirer and patron of the Craft.—*Exchange Paper.*

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