

Logan made a very earnest response, thanking the Lodge for its valuable present, and for its warm address, accepting them both in the true spirit of friendship in which they were given, but modestly declaiming having merited so handsome and valuable a present. He assured the Lodge that he would wear the Jewel with great satisfaction and gratification, and promised long to be a co-worker with his brethren in the good works of Masonry. The Jewel is a very handsome one, was procured in London, and bears the following inscription :

"Presented to W. J. LOGAN, Past Master, by the members of Hibernia Lodge, as a "mark of esteem and respect. St. John, N. B., May 9th., A. D. 1871, A. L. 5871."

After the business of the evening was over, Past Master Logan entertained about forty of the brethren at supper prepared in most *recherche* style by Mrs. Darrow.

IS MASONRY A RELIGION?

Is Masonry a religion ? This Dr. Blanchards asserts, "Some Masons are frequently heard to say, "Masonry is all the religion I want." We also see, frequently, in resolutions adopted by lodges on the death of a brother Mason, many sentiments that would lead the uninitiated to believe that Masonry is regarded by all as a religion. This, however, is not true. Religion, in its broadest sense, means a system of faith and worship. Its *primary object* is to teach the duties we owe to God. Duties to men are not *religious* unless they are performed with reference to our *relations to God*. I may, for instance, give money to relieve the wants of a poor neighbor. This, in itself, is a charity, a virtuous or moral act. If, however, my *motive* in giving money be not only to relieve my neighbor, but *primarily* and *mainly* to *please God*, then it becomes a *religious* act. Unless *love* to God be the motive of our actions, they are in *no sense* *religious*.

The prominent object of Masonry are to ameliorate the condition of suffering humanity, to silence discord and confusion among men, to banish hatred, malice, and envy from the human heart, and implant justice, mercy, and benevolence in their stead. Masonry commands us to assist the feeble, feed the hungry, clothe the naked, raise the fallen, protect the widow, and scatter blessings on all the race. It promotes every moral and social virtue; it makes men better brothers, better husbands, better fathers, and better citizens, but it does not claim to make men Christians.—*Senior Warden*.

PERSONAL APPEARANCE OF THE SAVIOUR.

We reproduce, for the benefit of those who may remember to have met with it in family newspapers many years ago, this most curious, if not unquestionably authentic, description of the appearance and manner of our Saviour while on earth :

A DESCRIPTION OF THE PERSON OF JESUS CHRIST, AS IT WAS FOUND IN ANCIENT MANUSCRIPT SENT BY PUBLIUS LENTULUS, PRESIDENT OF JUDEA TO THE SENATE OF ROME.

There lives, at this time, in Judea, a man of singular character, whose name is Jesus Christ. The barbarians esteem him a prophet, but his followers adore him as the immediate offspring of the immor-