

as *honest* who neglects his sacred duties, and is regardless of the wail of the widow and the cry of the orphan, who forsakes those that are near and dear to him, and desecrates the name of his Maker, by violating His holy laws, and breaking His hallowed commandments. Such a man is no true brother, and is unworthy of the respect of the fraternity. Such men Freemasonry does *not* purify, because they do not understand, and never will comprehend, what Freemasonry signifies. Its allegories to them are veiled in midnight darkness, and the sun of righteousness never penetrates its gloomy covering. Such men are to be pitied, and the members of the Craft are culpable for ever having admitted such creatures within the precincts of the Lodge. True men, and honest men alone, should ever be admitted, and such men, when once they join us, soon appreciate the God-inspired principles of our institution, and by their daily lives shed a halo of truthful glory around their everyday acts, which prove to the world that "Freemasonry" indeed does "purify the man."

The real fact is, that if Freemasonry fails in its purifying influence on the mind of man, it is because we do not practice *outside* our Lodge rooms that we nightly teach *inside* our halls. The earnest endeavors of every workman in the quarries should be to prove he is interested in his work, and anxious to prepare perfect Ashlars for the Temple of the Lord. By so doing, Freemasonry advances in her glorious march, and illustrates to all that her mission is a holy one, her principles pure, and her tenets holy, and what a mission her's is! It is worthy of the attention of the finest intellects of the age, because by the study of the science of Freemasonry, man is brought nearer to his God, and by the contemplation of that study his mind is emancipated from the thralldom of bigotry, the wretched narrow-mindedness of sectarianism; he comprehends

at last that the Very God of Very Gods is indeed the true and gentle Father of his race, and that the honest man is in truth and reality a Brother. When Brethren understand this, and appreciate this grand theory of the Fatherhood of God, and Brotherhood of man, then, indeed, we can truthfully say that "Freemasonry purifies the man."

Obituary.

Bro. James Henry, of Clarksville, was called to his rest on the 24th ult. Our deceased Brother came to Canada from Ireland in the year 1841, and settled in Clarksville, which, from being the business centre, has since changed into a suburb of Napanee. He has never changed his residence since settling there, his family growing up about him, the proprietors of the Napanee *Standard* being his sons. Bro. Henry was made a Mason at Belfast, Ireland, before coming to this country, and had taken 28 degrees, and he was an honorary member of Union and Mount Sinai Lodges, Napanee. He was buried with Masonic honors, and in addition to the Lodges with which he was connected, representatives from the Lodges in Bath, Belleville, Kingston, and Odessa, attended. The Masonic service at the grave was conducted by W. Bro. Hinch, W. M. of Union Lodge.

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To the Editor of THE CRAFTSMAN.

DEAR SIR AND R. W. BRO.--In the CRAFTSMAN of December and January I notice a communication from R. W. Bro. Otto Klotz, re. Suspension for Non-payment of Lodge Dues. He would have me to believe that all subordinate Lodges are constitutionally bound to pay to Grand Lodge, dues, for all members suspended for N. P. D. Now, if this is the case, what is the use of suspension as a penalty, as the Lodge (to which