

POETRY.

ARE YOU A FREEMASON?

The Rev. Mr. Magill, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Peru, Illinois, and brother of R. W. Bro. Chas. Magill, M. P. for Hamilton, Ont; being asked the above question by a lady, responded as follows:—

I am one of the band
Who will faithfully stand
In the bonds of affection and love;
I have knocked at the door,
Once wretched and poor,
And there for admission I strove.

By the help of a friend,
Who assistance did lend,
I succeeded an entrance to gain;
Was received in the "West"
By command from the "East,"
But not without feeling some pain.

Here my conscience was taught,
With a moral quite fraught
With sentiments holy and true;
Then onward I travelled
To see it unravelled
What Hiram intended to do.

Very soon to the "East"
I made known my request,
And "light" by command did attend;
When lo! I perceived,
In due form revealed,
A Master, and Brother, and Friend.

Thus far have I stated
And simply related
What happened when I was made free;
But I've "passed" since then,
And was "raised" up again
To a sublime and ancient degree.

Then onward I marched
That I might be "Arch'd,"
And find out those treasures long lost;
When, behold! a bright flame,
From the midst of which came
A voice which my ears did accost.

Through the "vails" I then went,
And succeeded at length
The "Sanctum Sanctorum" to find—
By the "Signet" I gained
And quickly obtained
Employment which suited my mind.

In the depths I then wrought,
And most carefully sought
For treasures so long hidden there,
And by labour and toil
I discovered rich spoil,
Which are kept by the Craft with due care.

Having thus far arrived,
I further contrived
Among valiant Knights to appear,
And as Pilgrim and Knight
I stood ready to fight,
Nor Saracen foe did I fear.

For the Widow distressed
There's a cord in my breast;
For the helpless and orphan I feel;
And my sword I could draw
To maintain the true law
Which the duty of Masons reveal.

Thus have I revealed
(Yet wisely concealed)
What the "free and accepted" well know.
I am one of the Band,
Who will faithfully stand
As a Brother wherever I go.

MASONIC PRESENTATION.—At a Regular meeting of King Solomon's Lodge, No. 22, Toronto, held on the 13th., October last, W. M. David McLellan, presented, on behalf of the Lodge, Bro. James Spooner with a very beautiful Master Mason's jewel, as a testimonial for his long and arduous services as representative of the Lodge to the Masons' Central Benevolent Committee.