

COLORED MASONRY.

Grand Master Clark, of the (colored) Grand Lodge of Ohio, concludes an address, entitled: "The Negro Mason in Equity," with the following appeal for recognition, to the white Grand Lodges of America and other countries:—

"But this is why we demand it: We have always been taught that Masonry is universal in its character; that neither race nor creed can debar one from an entrance therein; that the beggar and the prince are alike equals within its closely-tiled doors, and that its 'central idea is the 'brotherhood of man because of the Fatherhood of God.'" Because of all these things; because we desire that the stigma of hypocrisy, deceit, and injustice shall be forever blotted out; because we desire that our ancient and noble and grand institution shall have a name honored of all men and of all nations, in all countries and in all climes, of all creeds and of all faiths; and because we desire that our institution shall be as beautiful and glorious as the noonday sun at meridian height, darting its rays to the north and south, to the east and the west, bathing all humanity in a glorious flood of the sunshine of peace and goodwill, is why we demand that you bury your prejudices and prove yourselves Masons indeed. We have nothing to gain in your legal recognition of us as Masons; the gain is all for you and the institution of Freemasonry. That we are just and legal Masons, is so well established, that it is now beyond the power of man to controvert it. For more than one hundred years we have existed as Free and Accepted Masons; we have now commenced the second century of our existence as such; from the lowest round of humility we have climbed far up the ladder of fame; from the small beginning of fifteen black men, scoffed at, sneered at, insulted, and ridiculed, we have grown to grand pro-

portions, until to-day we command the respect of Masons in all parts of the world; what we are to-day has been accomplished by our own exertions, isolated and rejected as we have been; if, by our own exertions alone, we must build our second century, we will make it more illustrious than the first; we will proudly hold aloft our heads, and courageously fighting our battles, we will neither give nor ask quarter."—*Masonic Token.*

MAKE YOUR MARK.

BY BRO. DAVID BARKER.

In the Quarries should you toil,
 Make your mark;
 Do you delve upon the soil,
 Make your mark;
 In whatever path you go,
 In whatever place you stand,
 Moving swift, or moving slow,
 With a firm and honest hand
 Make your mark.
 Should opponents hedge your way,
 Make your mark;
 Work by night, or work by day,
 Make your mark.
 Struggle manfully and well,
 Let no obstacles oppose,
 None, right shielded, ever fell
 By the weapons of his foes.
 Make your mark.
 What though born a peasant's son,
 Make your mark;
 Good by poor men can be done,—
 Make your mark.
 Peasant's garbs may warm the cold,
 Peasant's words may calm a fear,
 Better far than hoarding gold
 Is the drying of a tear.
 Make your mark.
 Life is fleeting as a shade,
 Make your mark;
 Marks of some kind *must* be made,
 Make your mark.
 Make it while the arm is strong,
 In the golden hours of youth,—
 Never, never, make it wrong,
 Make it with the stamp of truth.
 Make your mark.

PAXTON LODGE, No. 416, of Paxton, Ill., says the *Illinois Freemason*, "has more lawyers, doctors, judges, preachers, legislators, mayors, professors, and grand orators to the square inch, than can be found in any other lodge in the State."