

and mythic traditions. Many of the Grand Lodges have not only adopted some of these corrupt publications as the standard ritual within their jurisdiction, and those who refused to adopt them, have, without any exception, suffered their subordinates to interpolate the corrupt matter in the lodge work, so that no jurisdiction in the United States is entirely free from the polluting influences of said charlatan writers. The periodical literature of Masonry, although greatly tinctured with sectarian myths, they are not of authority, and may or may not be accepted by the readers, therefore do much less harm in misleading the Craft, and, besides, a few of them who are not bigoted in Christianising Masonry, open their columns to criticisms, controverting and refuting the fallacies of religious dogmas, and to prove the inconsistency of introducing them into the Masonic ritual during the ceremonies of conferring degrees on candidates. This enlightened policy has been very beneficial and productive of much good in spreading correct information. Those Masonic journals whose columns are not open to discuss questions of propriety and consistency, in regard to errors incorporated in the Masonic ritual, show a narrow, bigoted mind, and are untrue to their vocation. But Grand Lodges who have adopted the corrupted rituals are most to be censured, for introducing sectarian falsities in contravention of the universality of Masonry, and compelling their subordinates to instruct their candidates with false information, as to a fundamental principle of Masonry.

“ Truth will ever come uppermost,  
And Justice will ever be done.”

The inspiration of the poet will not only be accepted in all future times, but will be realised as years pass on, as it has throughout the past as a divine truth. And Masonry will not go *Scot free* much longer for the errors its disciples have adopted. We hear the mutterings in the air, the voices significant in the storm winds, as winter approaches, who can arrest events as they follow each other. Error has had its day, a long, long day on the subject we are writing, and the poet's inspiring lines will most surely be realised in some effective way. But leaving the home of our birth and the home of our Masonic induction, we turn to Masonry in Canada, having its origin from the Mother of all Grand Lodges existing in the past century, and, indeed, the Mother of all Masons in civilized lands. During many years it was under Provincial Government, and in 1855 the Grand Lodge of Canada was formed. We have had a large acquaintance with the Masons of Canada, and always found them intelligent, cultured men, and gentlemen in the highest sense the term expresses; and in our dealings true to their Masonic obligations. How far Masonry has adhered to its original teachings we have no definite knowledge, but always believed it did not vary from that they originally received. The contiguity and ready intercourse between large portions of each country, no doubt gave frequent occasion to craftsmen on both sides to visit lodges and interchange views in regard to the work, and may have been the means of infusing some of the sectarian corruptions on this side into the minds of the Canada Masons, and possibly into the ritual in conferring degrees. We would not be surprised if such was the case. We, however, earnestly and sincerely hope no innovations have been made, that the principles of Masonry have been preserved in their original purity throughout the whole of Canada, and that within the bounds of the Dominion a place may be found where men of every religion, clime or nationality can meet upon the universal basis on which all agree.

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## MASONIC CHIT-CHAT.

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THREE sons of Queen Victoria are Freemasons. The Duke of Edinburgh is not.

THE following deceased Bishops were Freemasons: Scabury, White, Griswold, Hobart, Chase, Brownell, Wainwright, and Randall, all of the United States.

THE Prince of Wales, the present Grand Master of England, was made a Mason in December, 1868, by the King of Sweden, while on a visit to Stockholm.

THE three tenets of a Freemason's profession are Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth. Truth has been denominated the column of Wisdom, Brotherly Love the column of Strength, and Relief the column of Beauty.

THE present Grand Master of Scotland, Sir Michael R. S. Stewart, Baronet, is the 17th in direct male descent from Sir John Stewart, son of Robert III., King of Scotland.

THE Philadelphia Masonic Temple is very much larger than Solomon's Temple was. The latter was 75 feet front by 150 feet deep, while the former is 150 feet front by 250 feet deep.