

In every quarter of the globe they can make known their wishes and be sure of finding attentive friends, a hospitable asylum and liberal assistance.

With religion, whose sublime doctrines it cannot increase, whose noble precepts it cannot improve, and whose sanctions it dare not adjudge, Masonry does not interfere. The duties of piety, must be the voluntary and spiritual intercourse of man with his Maker. Over these it usurps no control and claims no jurisdiction.

Such is the genius, the design, and tendency of this institution, but faint and imperfect is the representation.

I will now conclude Brethren by expressing earnest hope that the various members of our fraternity, will endeavor to carry out and practice in their intercourse with the world, the many virtues and duties which are inculcated in our tyld lodges, and thus prove to the world, by their own exemplary conduct and conversation, the beneficial and happy effects which flow from our ancient and honorable institution. The present occasion affords fresh evidence of the increasing affection of its friends, and this handsome apartment, fitted up in a style of elegance and convenience does honor to Masonry, and reflects the highest credit to the Lodge and Chapter for whose accommodation, and at whose expense it has been prepared.

May your Hall, brethren, be the happy resort of piety, virtue, and benevolence. May it be protected from accident, and long remain a monument of your attachment to Masonry; may your Lodges generally, my dear, brethren continue to flourish, your union to strengthen, and your happiness to abound. And when you, and all of us, shall be removed from the labors of the earthly lodge, may we be admitted to the brotherhood of the perfect, in the building of God,—“the house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.” *So mote it be.*

After this, the procession was again reformed, when it marched to the Music Hall, where Bro. Battersby had prepared a

SUMPTUOUS BANQUET.

The tables literally groaned under the weight of the “creature comforts” which “mine host” had provided with his customary liberality, We especially admired the tasty manner in which the tables were arranged. W. Bro. Donly acted as chairman, being supported on the right by M. W. Bro. Judge Wilson, R. E. Com. Beard, V. W. Bro. Dr. Wilson, W. B. o. Nelles, and W. Bro. Stewart; on the left by R. W. Brown, Bros. Revs. Tibbetts, Salter and Chrystal and V. W. Bro. C. Bennett. The Vice Chairs were filled by Bro. Rochester, S. W. and Bro. Hayes, J. W. Ample justice having been done to the good things, the cloth was removed, and the Chairman proposed “The Queen and the Carft.” Song by V. W. Bro. Bennett, “God save the Queen.” Then followed “The Prince and Princess of Wales and the Royal Family.”—“Lord Lisgar, Governor-General of Canada.” “M. W. Bro. Seymour, the Grand Master of Canada.”—drank with all the honors. Song, “He’s a jolly good fellow.” P. G. M. Wilson replied in appropriate terms, and expressed his regret that the G. M. was unable to attend owing to sickness. “The G. L. of Canada”—R. W. Bro. Brown and V. W. Bro. Bennett responded. “P. G. M. Wilson”—Song “He’s a jolly good fellow: which drew forth a very interesting response from the M. M. W. Bro. “The R. W. Bro. Brown, D. D. G. M.”—to which the R. W. Bro. made a suitable reply. “R. E. Com. Beard.”—Responded to by the R. E. Com. The W. M. then proposed, “The Clergy,” with appropriate remarks. This brought the reverend brethren to their feet, and the assembled brethren were entertained to an intellectual