

THE MISSION OF MASONRY.

MASONRY is not a religion, though often, if not always, its handmaiden. It is no substitute for religion. Its birthplace was on the earth; there is the scene of its labors and its triumphs. Its concern is for man; the moral and spiritual man, I mean, as well as the bodily man; but for man in this world. However typical may be its organization, its rites or its ceremonies, of dispensation, of sacrificial acts, or of religious systems, still it has nothing but to be true to its immemorial teachings. Its aims and its intentions, apart from the scientific knowledge that it imparts, is to make the travel along life's road a more pleasant, a more instructive, a more beneficial journey. The square, the level, and the plumb are to be the Mason's guides, fitting him for more useful employment in the great lodge of life. In his lodge he learns the great lessons of morality, of charity, of brotherly love, to feel and sympathize with another—the lessons of the certainty of death, of the resurrection from the dead, of a calm, unshaken reliance upon God, and no Mason ever lived but was placed, through its influence, in a position more likely to receive the great passwords of religious hope and religious confidence.—*The Square.*

FREEMASONRY.

The fires of persecution have wrapped their crimson fangs about the glittering minaret of our gorgeous temple—Freemasonry. Enmity has hurled at it its deadliest missiles of reproach, scorn, and contempt; ignorance has tried by all its ill conceived and miserable plans to extinguish our temple's lamp, swinging in its glory and throwing its mellow radiance over thousands and thousands forever; various and multitudinous have been Freemasonry's oppressors and the manner of their onslaught. But still that sublime temple stands—with foundations deeper even than were the granite slabs at the base of Moriah, and more enduring than the gloomy piles of Egypt's glory. Firm she stands, with her lofty pinnacle crowned with Heaven's rich skies of golden orient.—*Columbia Courant.*

RIGHT OF MEMBERSHIP.

The first right which a Mason acquires, after the reception of the third degree, is that of claiming membership in the lodge in which he has been initiated. The very fact of his having received that degree makes him at once an inchoate member of the lodge—that is to say, no further application is necessary, and no new ballot is required; but the candidate, having now become a Master Mason, upon signifying his submission to the regulations of the Society, by affixing his signature to the book of by-laws, is constituted, by virtue of that act, a full member of the lodge, and entitled to all the rights and prerogatives accruing to that position.—*Mackay's Encyclopedia.*

MASONIC RECORD.

AT HOME.

THE next annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Quebec will be held in Montreal, on the 22nd November.

A NEW Masonic Lodge, the Zetland, No. 326, Toronto, was consecrated last month, M. W. Bro. J. K. Kerr, Grand Master, officiating, assisted by R. W. Bros. Spry, Stephens, and F. J. Menet. After the ceremony, the officers were invested, and the brethren retired to the refreshment room where a very enjoyable half hour was spent.

THE Charlottetown, P. E. I. *Patriot*, August 28th, says: The Masonic picnic on Wednesday last, was, as usual, on the gathering of that Society, a decided success. About 200 from Charlottetown met as many more of the brethren from Summerside, Tryon, and other western lodges, and on a beautiful spot—the Birch Grove, near Free-town—spent the day with dancing and different other pleasant games. The day passed pleasantly and quickly, and every Mason and lady present left the ground fully satisfied with the day's enjoyment.

THE "Moore" Chapter Rose Croix, H. R. D. M., of the A. and A. Scottish Rite, convened at their Asylum, Ritchie's Building, St. John, N. B., on Friday evening, 23rd July, 1875, and installed the following officers for the ensuing year: W. H. Thorne, 32°, M. W. S.; Rev. Canon Scovil, Ph. D., 32°, High Prelate; Dr. E. L. Bartaux, 18°, First General; J. S. Boies DeVeber, M. P., 18°, Second General; T. B. Robinson, 18°, Grand Marshal; James Scovil, 30°, Raphael; W. E. Vroom, 30°, Herald; Dr. J. C. Hatheway, 32°, Gapt. Guard; H. W. Chisholm, 33°, Almoner; B. R. Lawrence, 32°, Treasurer; W. J. Logan, 32°, Recorder; A. D. Goodwin, 31°, Dir. Ceremonies; R. W. Crookshank, 32°, Chamberlain; Henry Card, 18°, Organist.