

stones with fair colors, and lay thy foundations with sapphires, and I will make thy windows of agates and thy gates of carbuncles, and all thy borders of pleasant stones, and all thy children shall be taught of the Lord, and great shall be the peace of thy children."

The Great Master-Builder is Love. Not knowledge, though His knowledge is of course infinite;—not wisdom, although His wisdom is limitless;—not power, although His power is unbounded—but love, comprehending all His moral perfections; love explains in one word His every attribute. How can I question the goodness that beams in every star, and blooms in every flower, and clothes the fields with golden harvests—by a thousand voices of nature, as by a thousand verses of Scripture, inviting me to prayer, and assuring me I shall not call upon a Loving Father in vain.

Yes, I may doubt everything else; but O, my God, I cannot doubt Thy love! And is not Thy dear Son my everlasting Advocate before Thee! A Lamb as it had been slain before Thy Throne, the wounds of crucifixion for ever pleading. O never, with that immortal memorial before Thee, can I question Thy love, or despair of my place in Thy Eternal Temple! Christ crucified perpetually presented in heaven! Christ crucified constantly held forth by the church on earth; this—this—O, my God, is my sufficient assurance, and the crowning glory of Thy love.

"Build, Lord, the mystic walls,  
Throw wide the unseen gates,  
Fill all the golden halls while yet Thy triumph waits;  
Make glad Thy church with light and love,  
Till glorified it shines above." AMEN.

Lord Waveney, Provincial Grand Master of Suffolk, England, for the past twenty-five years, is deceased. Eleven of the twenty-one Suffolk lodges were constituted during his Grand Mastership.

## QUEBEC.

The date of the session of the Grand Chapter of Quebec, precluded more than a passing reference to the address of M. E. Comp. Noyes, Grand Z., in our last issue. We now propose, however, to turn our attention to that excellent document.

Speaking of the state of the craft in the jurisdiction, he says:—

"There has not been the slightest disturbing question raised during the year. I have not been called upon to give a decision of any kind between members or between Chapters. I attribute this not so much to the excellence of our constitution and the general comprehension of the ancient landmarks, as to the prudent conduct and fraternal spirit which our members possess. Admirable as our constitution is admitted to be, learned as our members are known to be in the written and unwritten law of Masonry, those alone would not prevent friction were it not that the companions are imbued with the true spirit of Masonry. The constitutional "hair splitter," if he exists at all, does not get to the front."

There is plenty of reason for congratulation in these few lines.

Again he says:—

"The increase in membership is sufficiently reassuring, whilst not large, it is in proportion to the increase in the Craft Lodges in the jurisdiction, and the quality of the material received indicates the esteem in which capitular degrees are held by the craft. We are young in years as a Grand Chapter, situated in a territory where many external restrictions operate against us, with a divided allegiance that deters many, no doubt, from allying themselves with us, and yet, year by year, there is a steady advancement, significant of what the future has in store for us, when the Masons of Quebec are ranged under one banner and acknowledge one allegiance."

And we have an abiding faith that the time is not far distant when this desirable consummation will be attained.

He refers in feeling tones to the fraternal dead of the jurisdiction, and also to M. E. Comp. William Timson, P. G. H. P., of Nevada, who was the Representative of Quebec near that Grand Chapter since 1880.

Referring to Foreign Relations, he offers his thanks to the many Grand