

falling by planting his head on my stomach. For a moment I was winded, and then, taking a firm grasp of the fellow, got him pretty well straightened out. He looked at me in a sort of dazed way, and then mumbled: "I know yer; you're a brother; met yer in the Lodge. Ha! ha!"

The recollection of the incident caused the brother to indulge in a good laugh, which I interrupted by asking:—

"And what did you do with him?"

"Why, I lodged him. I knew he was'n't a Mason, or he wouldn't be in that condition, and I was right, as I had a talk with him when he sobered up a bit."

If he had been what would have happened?" I asked.

"The same as did happen—dollar'n costs or thirty."

THE TRAMP.

### WHAT IS FREEMASONRY?

Masonry is a beautiful and symmetrical edifice. How do we live in it? Do we adorn it by a virtuous life? Think.

Masonry is a beautiful system of morals. Do we obey its teachings? Think.

Masonry commands a brotherly love. Do we exercise it? Think.

Do we in reality practice all the lessons, so ennobling, so elevating, that the Lodge inculcates? Think.

Oh, for a thinking Fraternity, that will take time to understand the many truths that lie buried beneath the beautiful allegories of the degrees!—[*Jacques in N. Y. Dispatch.*]

### A NOBLE JURISDICTION.

The following item, taken from the *Illinois Freemason*, would seem to indicate that a Masonic millennium is near at hand in the neighboring state on the west; at least, it makes a fine showing in that direction:—

In his third quarterly circular to the Lodges, Grand Secretary Munn reports a gratifying condition of the Craft. He says:—"That up to the present time nothing has been reported to this office that will require the attention of the Committee on Appeals and Grievances, and it would be very gratifying to all lovers of Masonic brotherly kindness and goodwill to all men, if, at our annual communication in October next, no brother or Lodge presents a case for the

consideration of that committee. If our great brotherhood—over 40,000 strong in Illinois—shall pass a round year so completely in accord with the true spirit of Craft Masonry that no one shall have cause to present a grievance to the Grand Lodge for adjustment we may well hope for the coming of that happy day when brethren shall dwell together in unity."

### OUR EXCHANGES.

We beg to acknowledge the receipt of the following Masonic exchanges:—

*Bulletin, Maçonnique*, Paris, France.

*Châin d'Union*, Paris, France.

*Freemason*, Detroit.

*Freemason, The*, London, England.

*Freemason, The*, Sydney, Australia.

*Freemason's Chronicle*, London, England.

*Keystone*, Philadelphia.

*Liberal Freemason*, Boston, Mass.

*Masonic Home Journal*, Louisville.

*Masonic Review*, Cincinnati.

*Masonic World*, Boston, Mass.

*Masonic Advocate*, Indianapolis, Ind.

*Masonic Token*, Portland, Me.

*Masonic Journal*, Dunedin. New Zealand.

*Orient, Le*, Budapest, Hungary.

*Philadelphia Sentinel*, Philadelphia, U.S.

*South African Freemason*, Cathcart, Cape Colony.

*Saturday Evening Spectator*, Minneapolis, U.S.

*Trestle Board*, San Francisco, California.

*Tyler, The*, Detroit, U.S.

*Voice of Masonry*, Philadelphia, U.S.

*Victorian Freemason*, Melbourne, Australia.

### PHYSICAL QUALIFICATIONS.

Parvin, of Iowa, is nothing if not vigorous. He expresses his opinion as follows: "In all our Masonic life we have been taught, and have taught others, that a man should first be made a Mason in his heart, then in his head and last of all in his heels. But this teaching of our Masonic fathers has of late years been reversed, and the only qualification now necessary is that he have the lawful number of toes upon his feet and fingers upon his hands; no matter though his heart be as rotten as Denmark of old, or the head so empty that an original thought never strayed across its sandy desert."