## A Masonic Creed

As an expression of the simplest form of the faith of Masonry, not exhaustive, but incontrovertible and suggestive the following is:

## THE MASONIC BELIEF

There is one God, the Father of all men,
The Holy Bible is the great Light in Masonry and the
Rule and Guide for faith and practice.

Man is immortal.

Character determines destiny.

Love of man is next to love of God, man's first duty.

Prayer, communion of man with God, is helpful.

Recognizing the impossibility of confining the teaching of Masonry to any fixed forms of expression, yet acknowledging the value of Authoritative statements of fundamental principles, the following is proclaimed as

## THE MASONIC TEACHING

Masonry teaches man to practice charity and benevolence, to protect
Chastity, to respect the ties of blood and friendship, to adopt the principles
And revere the ordinances of religion, to assist the feeble, guide the blind, raise up
The downtrodden, shelter the orphan, guard the altar,
Support the Government, inculcate morality, promote learning, love man,
Fear God, implore His Mercy and hope for happiness.