

Progressive Freemasonry

Under New Hampshire he takes issue with the reporter who interprets the word "progressive" as applied to Freemasonry, to mean improvement on established custom. With his rejoinder we are in full agreement.

"He falls into the error of a few modern writers on Masonry, and thinks that it should be progressive, and that it by no means follows that we should follow in the ways of the fathers in Masonry. Masons of course must be progressive in their lives and conduct, but the Masonic system needs no perfecting, because it is founded on the eternal verities, and all attempts to improve those God-given truths are worse than vain. This modern idea of tampering with the teachings, or even with the main features of the ritual and work of the Fraternity should be frowned down whenever it exhibits itself. Masonry teaches and urges progress, but in itself and its teachings it is as changeless as the everlasting hills."

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