

all the paths of life, invests the daily walk of him whose soul dwells in the heaven of truth. "He that hath clean hands and a pure heart shall ascend into the hill of the Lord, and shall abide in His Holy place." Sincerity, therefore, hath its unspeakable honors, and its suitable and complementing wages. The duties are not severe, and the toil is not burdensome.—*The Freemason, Sidney.*

### RESPECT THE AGED.

The following remarks are worth the attention of us all. It is to be feared there is too much ground for the taunt so often flung at us by visitors from the Old World that on the American continent there is no respect for and often scant courtesy extended to our seniors, either male or female. The Detroit *Tyler* ably says:—If there is one lesson taught by Freemasonry it is honor and respect to old age. Filial affection is strongly impressed upon the newly initiated, and special privileges are granted to the worthy sons of Masons in token of the truth and blessedness of this tenet of the Order. Not only should the fruits of the lesson be enjoyed by the paternal relatives of the Mason, but it should be given freely to old age under and in every circumstance. The Masons of the present day owe a great debt to the Fathers in the Order. It is in these days an honored position to be a Mason, but there was a time, not so very long ago either, when it required great moral courage to acknowledge connection with the Order, when considerable self sacrifice and denial were required to maintain and uphold the professed principles of Masonry, and the venerable ones now in the ranks are those who braved the lies of slander, the opprobrium of false public accusations and the malicious taunts and persecutions of bigotry and hatred. They braved everything, weathered the storm, brought the Order successfully through great tribulations, kept the pillars upright, by their lives exemplified the glorious truths of Free-

masonry, that to day stand freely and fully acknowledged the grandest and greatest institution for the elevation and ennobling of the human race. Remember this, young Masons, when you meet the gray-haired patriarchs of the Order and demean yourselves according to the lessons of the Order. Give always to the old age respect, assistance and homage, and especially go out of your way to comfort, aid, and entertain the Fathers in Masonry. Let them have the seats of honor at the lodge, in labor or refreshment, and give them to understand that the beauty, strength and truth of our teachings to-day are the same they ever were.

### MASONRY AT THE PUNJAB.

The London *Masonic Star* says that in the "minutes of the proceedings of the District Grand Lodge of the Punjab of a special communication to celebrate St. John's Day (27th December, 1888)," at which R. W. Bro. E. Woodall Parker, District Grand Master, presided, and a large number of grand officers, representatives, and other brethren attended, addresses were delivered by the District Grand Master, and W. Bro. Dr. Brig Lal Ghose, R.B., P.D.D.G.M. An address was also to have been delivered by W. Bro. H. Whymper, P.D.D.G.M., but in his unavoidable absence his paper was read by W. Bro. Col. O. Menzies, D.D.G.M. From this we extract a paragraph relating to the ritual of the three first degrees in Freemasonry, which, we think, will be of interest to many of our readers.

"The second class of Masonic literature, to which I referred at the commencement of this address, that of the Rituals and Lectures, may be shortly dealt with. It may now be subdivided into three classes, the one following the Oxford working—the second Emulation working, and the third almost anything the publisher of the Ritual pleases. The second is perhaps the most consistent, and it is the most popular, but to those who study rituals