

If one of these, who is employed to labor for 8 or 10 hours a day, spends an hour of that time in reading the newspaper or otherwise neglecting the business, he is dishonest to the extent of taking what does not belong to him. If a store keeper gives me 14 ounces for a pound he is cried down as dishonest, and rightly too, but he is not more so than the assistant who, instead of caring for his employer's interests, puts no energy into his work and no thoughtfulness into his service. There should be no idling during the hours in which we are employed for another. Horace Greeley says, "The darkest hour in the history of any young man is when he sits down to study how to get money without honestly earning it." Brethren, let us rise to the full requirements of the text. Wherever our lot may be cast let us be industrious, energetic, faithful and true; we are brotherhood caring for each other's interests and welfare. Providing things honest in the sight of each other we shall so far provide things honest in the sight of all men. May we in our friendship be a help and blessing to each other, remembering that true friendship is the action of one soul upon another for the mutual advantage of both. "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity." May we ever learn to do, what our Order if rightly administered will accomplish, "Bear one another's burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ." And when the Father of the spirits of all flesh shall see fit in his wisdom and goodness to remove us from this earthly dwelling place may we find a seat at his own right hand. Amen.



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