

one at each side,—he shall then kneel on his right knee, and the Master shall invest him with a Purple Sash, and such decorations as may be convenient.)

*The Chaplain or Brother appointed, shall say—*

“Behold, the stone which I have laid before Joshua; upon one stone, shall be seven eyes; behold, I will engrave the graving thereof, saith the Lord of Hosts, and I will remove the iniquity of that Land in one day.”—Zec. 3. c. 8. v. “For they shall rejoice and shall see the plummet in the hands of Zerubbabel with those seven; they are the eyes of the Lord which run to and fro through the whole earth.”—Ib. 4 c. 10 v.

“In that day shall there be upon the bells of the horses *holiness unto the Lord*; and the pots in the Lord's house shall be like bells before the Altar.”—Ib. 14 c. 20 v. “These things, saith He that holdeth the seven stars in his right hand: who walketh in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks.”—Revelation, 2 c. 1v.

“Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake: whether it be to the king, as supreme; or unto governors, as unto them that are sent by him for the punishment of evil doers, and for the praise of them that do well. For so is the will of God, that with well-doing ye may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men; as free, and not using *your* liberty for a cloak of maliciousness, but as the servants of God. Honour all men. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honour the king”—1st. Epistle of Peter, 2nd. chap. 13, 14, 15, 16 & 17 verses.

Then the Master shall administer the Purple Obligation, after which (taking him by the hand) he shall say—

“Brother, thou hast been weighed in the balance and not found wanting; therefore it has been judged right, thou shouldst be advanced into the Purple Order of our Institution, in which dignity, we trust that thy better means of serving our religious and loyal brotherhood, will be duly employed; and as thine opportunities will now be advanced with thy station amongst us, so likewise would their neglect cause our more special injury; for this cause, Brother, increase in thy diligence; be instant in season and out of season, for the higher we stand, the more should we take heed lest we fall; in the name of the Purple Brethren, I bid thee heartily welcome, nothing doubting, but that thou wilt continue with a greater earnestness to fear God, honour the King, and maintain the Law.”

The Master shall communicate, or cause to be communicated, to the new Purpleman, the signs and pass-words of the Order.

And the Chaplain or Brother appointed, shall say—“He that hath an ear to hear, let him hear what the spirit saith unto the churches.”—Rev. 2 c. 9 v.

After which the Brethren shall make obsequance to the Master, and take their seats.