

'Fail you when you see your Lodge prosperous and the work light? Brethren, we say your work may never be light! You can, in your different spheres of usefulness, assist your Province and your Provincial Grand Master. *You can labor for the charities*; you can instruct your less informed brethren; in fact, on you depends the spirit and feeling, the ardent wish for 'more light,' that should ever be the actuating spirit of your Lodge, especially among its senior members. Your W. M. is the heart that conceives and the head that devises, *and it will be in vain*, if you—the hands—be not prompted to execute the design.

"We will now say a few words to our younger brethren, 'the newly initiated.'

"You have lately entered a most ancient and honorable society, and we trust in no unworthy spirit; if so, we counsel you to proceed no further. If, however, you are actuated by a feeling of increasing your knowledge, and your usefulness to your fellow creatures, work unceasingly! Seek instruction from those that are duly qualified. If in doubt on any point, go at once to them. They will ever be ready and willing to assist you in your endeavors. Be not afraid; it is their duty, the duty that they love. Being well skilled *they can give* you all information; being actuated by the genuine feelings of our Order, they will delight in instructing you to the utmost of their ability. They will teach you the duty you owe to God, your neighbors, and yourselves; they will strengthen your faith encourage your hope, and lead you in the practice of charity, and develope the beauties of the inner man. Remember you are not to be Masons in name; you must be Masons in deed and in truth. You must show forth to the world at large what are the true principles that guide a Mason's life, that all men may know that 'to you (as a Mason) the burdened heart may pour forth its sorrows, the distressed may press their plea for relief, that your heart is guided by Justice, and your hand extended by Benevolence.'

"Our Order is not political or local, it is cosmopolitan. You must pay due observance to the laws of your native land, or the country where for the time being you may be residing, and carefully avoid all plots and conspiracies against the existing Governments and good order.

"To all Masons we would say, wheresoever and whenssoever they may read our poor words, 'be earnest for light,' seek diligently to do your duty in your respective spheres, and 'may He who for so many years, in so many climes, and under so many persecutions, watched over and protected our Craft, watch over and guard you in all His ways.' So long as you discharge your duties faithfully as true Masons, so long will T. G. A. O. T. U. protect you; fall away from your duties, and His hand will be averted. Should this occur from any fault on your part, you will richly deserve your fate; and the edifice raised long ago, and which has been building for centuries, will crumble to the dust. But we hope for better things. Rather shall we say that our glorious building shall become still grander, more magnificent! and as ages roll on it may become the prototype of that glorious Temple 'made without hands, eternal in the heavens.'"

DEATH OF BRO. GEO. FRANK GOULEY.

By the burning of the Southern Hotel, at St. Louis, Masonry in America lost one of its brightest lights, R.W. Bro. Geo. Frank Gouley, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Missouri, and one of the widest known and ablest members of the craft in America. Referring to the sad event, the New York