

"By their fruits shall ye know them," are as applicable to us as Masons, as to those to whom they were at first addressed. Let us then look well to our altars and the discipline of our home circles. Let every young man feel that if he would gain admission, and be a worthy member, he must be prepared to lead a thoroughly moral, temperate and upright life. You will also feel the necessity of a thorough instruction in the symbolism and moral principle of the order, that you may write impressive lessons on every heart. You will feel the importance of the rough discipline, using forbearance, fidelity and charity, but cutting off, when all efforts to reclaim offenders are exhausted. I need not urge upon you a hearty co-operation with your fellow citizens in all laudable efforts for human improvement and reform: your principles and pledges will ever prompt you to this, and will, I trust, not be disregarded. And above all, let us look well to our own ways, studying ever, by the judicious use of the Gavel, to break off all the excrescences of our frail, human character, and preparing ourselves by the aid of the Great Architect of the Universe to take our place as polished stones in the Eternal Temple, where He forever presides, forever reigns. And let us not be discouraged by any temporary failures. Encompassed as we are by dangers and infirmities, we shall doubtless meet with many an obstacle and perchance with many a fall in our onward path. The Apron, now so white, will be soiled with many a stain; the Plumb line will be fretted into many a strand, but only let us strive faithfully, earnestly, manfully, to do our appointed work, and we shall not fail of our promised reward. Yea the Supreme Grand Master will Himself be with us, cheering us by His smile, aiding us by His help, and, when the life work is accomplished, He will pronounce the welcome plaudit, "Well done, good and faithful servant. Enter into the joy of thy Lord." So mote it be. Amen.

On motion of R. W. Bro. Alex. Murray, seconded by R. W. Bro. Tait, it was

Resolved,—That the Grand Lodge is greatly indebted to the R. W. the Grand Chaplain for the very excellent and *apropos* discourse just delivered, and the thanks of Grand Lodge are hereby tendered for the same.

The Grand Chaplain acknowledged the vote, and expressed himself much gratified that his discourse had been so favorably received,

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