

ance with my many faults, and hope that we will strive with all our power through our Elder Brethren, so to live, that after this transitory life has passed away, we may be received and accepted as members of the Grand Lodge above.

Yours affectionately and fraternally,

ROBERT STARK. P. M.

THE LEVEL AND THE SQUARE.

BY BRO. ROB MORRIS.

We meet upon the LEVEL, and we part upon the SQUARE :
What words of precious meaning these words Masonic are !
Come, let us contemplate them ! they are worthy of a thought ;
In the very walls of Masonry the sentiment is wrought.

We meet upon the LEVEL, though from every station come,
The rich man from his palace and the poor man from his home ;
For the *rich* must leave his wealth and state outside the Mason's door,
And the *poor* will find his best respect upon the Checkered Floor.

We act upon the PLUMB,—'tis the orders of our Guide,—
We walk upright in virtue's way and lean to neither side ;
Th' All-Seeing Eye that reads our hearts doth bear us witness true ;
That we still try to honor God, and give each man his due.

We part upon the SQUARE, for the world must have its due,
We mingle with the multitude, a faithful band and true ;
But the influence of our gatherings in memory is green,
And we long upon the LEVEL to renew the happy scene.

There's a World where all are equal,—we are hurrying towards it fast,
We shall meet upon the LEVEL there, when the gates of Death are passed ;
We shall stand before the Orient, and our Master will be there,
To try the blocks we offer with His own unerring SQUARE.

We shall meet upon the LEVEL there, but never thence depart :
There's a Mansion,—'tis all ready for each trusting, faithful heart ;
There's a Mansion, and a Welcome, and a multitude is there
Who have met upon the LEVEL and been tried upon the SQUARE.

Let us meet upon the LEVEL, then, while laboring patient here ;
Let us meet and let us labor, though the labor be severe ;
Already in the Western Sky the signs bid us prepare
To gather up our Working Tools and part upon the SQUARE.

Hands round, ye faithful Brotherhood, the bright fraternal chain,
We part upon the SQUARE below, to meet in Heaven again !
What words of precious meaning those words Masonic are,—
We meet upon the LEVEL, and we part upon the SQUARE.

[By W. Mercer Wilson, Esq., LL. D., etc., etc.]

EXTRACTS FROM THE DIARY OF A DYSPEPTIC ;

(Concluded.)

But, gentlemen, I will not anticipate an adverse verdict at your hands, for I believe that you must come to the same conclusion that I have done in this matter, and will without hesitation pronounce the prisoner not guilty of the crime of murder on the grounds of temporary insanity. They tell me, I spoke thus for about two hours. I was myself unconscious of the lapse of time, my whole soul was in my work. I had carefully prepared my arguments, but how many of them were the result of my own reasoning, or how many I had cribbed from