

than Faith or Hope, and to this excellent virtue of Charity are our Masonic labors more especially directed; to visit the sick and the fatherless in their afflictions, to comfort those that mourn, and carry as it were, into the dungeons of human misery, the Divine essence of Masonry.

These are our professions in the Lodge, and should invariably regulate our conduct out of it in our commerce with the world. In what, Brethren, would Freemasonry exist if it had no influence upon our general deportment? It is only by acting upon the square and living within the compass—by practising the duties of morality, and limiting our desires—that we can demonstrate to the ignorant and the prejudiced, the well-founded superiority of our pretensions. If our Order be built upon the basis of Brotherly Love, of Truth, of Temperance, of Prudence, and of Justice, let us be careful “to walk worthy of the vocation wherewith we are called;” for be assured that if in our conduct we forget that we are men, the world with its usual severity will remember that we are Masons. Let, therefore, our conduct be a letter of recommendation, “seen and read of all men,” thus a good life will be an unanswerable refutation of every charge.

Finally, my Brethren, if we have any true love for Masonry, let us be careful not only to rule and govern our faith, but to square our actions by the Holy Word of God, that unerring standard of Truth and Justice which is the Great Light of Masonry; and while with each other we ever walk upon the level, may we also keep within due bounds with all mankind. Thus shall we merit and obtain the reputation not only of good men and true, but of wise and skillful Free and Accepted Masons.

The Grand Treasurer then deposited a handful of coin on the stone for the workmen.

Band played the National Anthem.

Three cheers were given for the Queen, and three for the Grand Master.