

and immorality must not darken our thoughts, words or acts; Purity and Truth and Liberality and Charity must be the guardian angels of our souls, and an earnest desire to obey the precepts as laid down in the volume of the Sacred Law and taught in its hallowed pages, must, by means of the Skirret, be our rule and guide through life.

What wondrous lessons, then, this simple little instrument teaches the earnest searcher after Truth. It is symbolically the guiding star to Divine Truth, and if we only remember the lessons that it inculcates, our minds would be inspired with nobler sentiments and holier thoughts. The Brother who contemplates this one lesson finds the window of his intellect opened and his brain freshened by the cooling perfumed breezes of Divine Charity and Divine Truth. He feels that, if in times past he has fallen and associated with the unworthy, there is now another brighter, nobler, holier path opened before him—the path of rectitude, morality and honor—it is strewn with the daisies of virtue and the triple leaved shamrock of Faith, Hope and Charity.

No true brother can fail to appreciate the impressive lesson taught by the Skirret; it is very simple but vastly profound. It says in a word that the follower of Hiram must be as faithful to his OB's, as was the lamented martyr of old; that he must adhere to his principles before all men and under all circumstances; he must lead such a life as will not only reflect credit on himself, but shed a halo of honor on the Craft; and he is taught by the Skirret, that the grand and noble lesson of life is to be found in the volume of the Sacred Law, from whose pages he will learn by what means to so prepare the foundation of his earthly career as to make it a suitable though humble offering to Him, who breathed in his nostrils the breath of life and electrified his brain by his own magnetic influence.

The Master Mason then notes that

as he progresses in Freemasonry, he still nearer and nearer approaches the Divine essence of Truth, and more clearly comprehends the nature and character of the Omnipotent. Every Working Tool placed in the hands of the Brother, is pregnant with the most interesting and instructive lessons; each adds to the former, and together they form a net work of the most sublime theories, the most profound analogies, the most inspiring truths. In this, the Skirret, we have a lesson taught, the proper fulfillment of which will occupy a man's life-time. He is to lay out, and measure and plan a moral edifice purified by Divine Inspiration. His whole life must be devoted to its fulfillment in order to be found worthy when summoned to appear before the Throne of Grace. The theme is one that the essayist might enlarge upon and the laureate paint in letters of burning light, but it is after all very simple; it means, purity of thought, liberality of heart, honesty of intention, uprightness of character—Honor in Man—Virtue in Woman—and above all and before all, implicit trust and faith in the greatness, the goodness and the love of the Father of mankind for the fallen sons and erring daughters of earth.

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