

*words* of the Distress sign are only to be used in the dark.

You have now passed through all the grades of our Order. The object in all these ceremonies has been to impress you with a due sense of the three great relations in this life, and the duties which are incident to them. I wish briefly to remind you of these.

First, they respect yourself. If we are not faithful to ourselves, how can we be expected to be faithful to others? A corrupt fountain cannot send forth pure streams. Unless we have the principle existing within, unless the duties we owe to others have in some form an existence in ourselves, they will never appear. Such is the relation of a correct moral character to a right moral influence. Our own minds must bear fruit before it can be imparted to others.

Secondly, we owe a duty to our neighbor. No one lives without some influence. A man may enclose himself in strong walls; he may