

THE BRICKLAYERS.

"Ho to the top of the towering wall!"
'Tis the master mason's rallying call;
"To the scaffolding, boys, now merrily cl'mb;
'Tis seven o'clock by the town bell's chime!
Bring to your work good muscle and brawn;
And a keen, quick eye where the line is drawn;
Out with your saw-tempered blades of steel!
Smoother than glass from point to heel;
Now, steady and clear, from turret and port,
Ring out your challenge: "*Mort, O Mort!*"
Clink! clink! trowel and brick!
With labor and art combine;
Brick upon brick, lay them up quick;
But lay to the line, boys; lay to the line!"

"Cheery as crickets all the day long,
Lightening labor with laugh and song;
Busy as bees upon angle and pier,
Piling the red bricks tier upon tier.
Climbing and climbing still nearer the sun:
Prouder than kings of the work they have done!
Upward and upward the bricklayers go,
Till men are but children and pigmies below;
While the Master's order falls ringing and short,
To the staggering carrier: "*Mort, O Mort!*"
Clink! clink! trowel and brick!
Music with labor and art combine;
Brick upon brick, lay them up quick;
But lay to the line, boys; lay to the line!"

"Who are the peers of the best in the land—
Worthy neath arches of honor to stand?
They of the brick-reddened, mortar-stained palms,
With shoulders of giants and sinewy arms,
Builders of cities and builders of homes—
Propping the sky up with spires and domes;
Writing thereon with their trowel and lime
Legends of toil for the eyes of time!
So that the ages may read as they run,
All that their magical might has done!
So clink! clink! trowel and brick!
Work by the master's word and sign,
Brick upon brick, lay them up quick!
But lay to the line, boys; lay to the line!"

—Scribner's for May.

AN APPEAL FROM JERUSALEM.

BRO. ROLLA FLOYD, Past Master of the Lodge in the city of Jerusalem, requests the Masonic press of America and Canada to publish the following affecting appeal. One brother has pledged himself to forward a *hundred books* to Jerusalem for the Lodge Library by the close of the present year. All communications responding to this may be addressed to the Hon. Rolla Floyd, care of Cook, Son & Jenkins, New York:

"We, the undersigned, Master, Wardens and brethren of the Royal Solomon Lodge, No. 293, Jerusalem, Palestine, authorize Bro. Rolla Floyd, P. M., of this Royal Solomon Mother Lodge No. 293, to collect books, funds and furniture for the following objects:

"1. The building of a Lodge in the old city—Jerusalem—cementing Christians, Jews and Mohammedans together by the cord of brotherly love and friendship, which is the true bond of a Mason.

"2. To form a library which will be of vital influence to many of the hundreds of Masons from all parts of the globe who visit Jerusalem.