

cenary or other unworthy motives." Can a Mason, if he is true to himself, his Brethren, and his Creator, fail to recollect such a lesson?

When Freemasonry, through her adherents, is true to herself, as exemplified by this series of Working Tools, we, the followers of Hiram, can defy the profane to pronounce us false, mercenary, and immoral; but, on the other hand, when Freemasonry, through her representatives, is false to these teachings, explained through the symbolism of the Working Tools, then, truly, she is no longer Freemasonry, but a base and whining mongrel, loathsome from disease, and breathing the breath of hypocrisy, perjury and blasphemy. Such are all so-called Masonic organizations that require not from applicants for their mysteries an acknowledgment of a belief in a Supreme Being. The explanations given to the candidate when he is presented with the Pencil, refutes all calumnies that may be hurled against us regarding Materialism, Infidelity, and Atheism.

The Pencil, therefore, still further proves to the candidate, and ever reminds the Master Mason, that there reigns above T. G. A. O. T. U., who is watching over all our actions with the vigilant eye of a loving Father, recording with sorrow every evil thought and bad act, and entering upon the book of death with joy unspeakable, those noble actions and hallowed deeds that Freemasonry so earnestly beseeches us to practice. It is a glorious thought for the Brother of the mystic tie, that such a God exists, and that He is a God that recognizes neither creed nor sect, but wel-

comes all who are true to their vows, and faithful to their obligations. The Freemason surely cannot be indifferent to all these lessons, so pleasingly taught through the symbolism of the Working Tools of the operative Masons, who reared, at God's command, a tabernacle at the foot of Mount Horeb in the wilderness of Sinai, and again erected the wondrous Temple of Solomon, on the holy Mount Moriah, and for the third time proved their skill and workmanship by constructing at Jerusalem the third sacred edifice, dedicated to the service of the Most High. The Pencil was necessarily used through all these generations of operative Masons, and as long as Masonry exists no faithful Brother can fail to remember that this little instrument is emblematically employed by a Most Just Judge to record the actions of fallen man. It is a lesson in itself, because it reminds him that the God of the Freemason is the God of Love and Justice.

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As my former article upon the above subject has called forth some friendly criticisms, and also certain correspondence, I venture once more to allude to the same, which, I believe, is one of vast importance to the Templar organization throughout the world. The point is simply this: Do the American Frates of the Temple