

"Exegi monumentum aere perennius,
"Regalique situ pyramidum altius."

Eight Dispensations to open new Lodges had been issued, and a Special Dispensation to confer degrees without time ! on a Brother, he being an E. A., and *about to leave the country*. The same old story !

Is the following "counsel to live masonically" applicable only to the brethren in West Virginia :

"Before concluding my address, the last probably which it will be my privilege to present to you, permit me to refer briefly to the importance of a faithful adherence in principle and practice to the sacred tenets and cardinal virtues of our institution. It may seem trite to say that these are of far greater importance than its ritual ; and yet the fact remains and is a reproach to Masonry that Masons here and there, and among them some who spare no pains to make themselves perfect in the ritual, are sadly indifferent to its moral precepts and obligations. Do not understand me to depreciate the value of high acquirements in the ritual. We should all be bright Masons. Let it be remembered, however, that the brightest ritual can never hide a tarnished character. The ritual is only the shadow of the real body of Masonry. It is the casket which contains the jewels of Masonic principle and character. Too many of us carry caskets in which the jewels are either wanting or so defaced with careless handling that we dare no longer call them jewels.

"I am aware that to some Masons these admonitions are distasteful and will probably be received with some impatience. They will say that Masonry is not religion, and that it is not to be so preached and enforced. I answer that it is true that Masonry is not religion, and that any man who accepts it as such makes a mistake which may be fatal to his happiness here and hereafter. But I answer further that Masonry is a pure, high toned morality, to the practice of which every brother has voluntarily and in the presence of that God in whom he has avowed his trust, solemnly pledged himself. The obligation thus assumed cannot be set aside or neglected without condemnation and loss of character both to the individual and to Masonry."

We answer our own questions as follows : Qui vult capere capiat.

The Grand Treasurer's report shows a balance in the Treasury of \$1632.19.

Speaking of their Library the Grand Secretary says :

"The proceedings of other Grand Lodges are accumulating upon the shelves of our miniature library, but by reason of their lack of arrangement and of binding are quite useless to the Craft. For the lack of better preservation they are heaped together without order or system, and thus a Grand Lodge Library that is becoming more and more valuable year after year is seriously marred by neglect."

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