

the lawyer the V. S. L. is the exact, sublime, and eternal code of nature. To the physician of souls the V. S. L. is all that is true and worthy of the G. A. of T. U. contained within the covers of the Holy Scriptures. Masonry covers and embraces all, and the universe is the domain of its teaching, and influence. Under the operation of its expanding power there is no room for bigotry and intolerance. These instincts disqualify a man to be a Mason. While under the government of those instincts he cannot appreciate the light of Masonry. He is too ignorant of his ignorance, the worst possible sort of Agnosticism. The dignity and grandeur of Masonry are to him non-entities. He is too prone to follow the line of his own narrow and subjective course. He is blind to his own littleness and insensible to his own weakness. In addition, all who do not come up to his standard and method, he ruthlessly condemns. By implication, he finds fault with the G. A. O. T. U. for giving being to such exponents. He is a negation of the universality of Masonry. To him the confessed Agnostic is a thing of horror, whom he would destroy if he could. Such brethren who are Masons require to be informed and reformed. They require to be brought under the conviction that their mental power is a very limited quantity. That there is a vast disparity between what they know and what they do not know. When they begin to realize the extent of what they do not know, then will they begin to feel the importance and necessity of subduing their own subjective vanity and spirit of intolerance. They will then be willing and anxious to seek forgiveness from those whom they have wronged. The primary duty of a Mason is to know himself. In no other way can he rightly apprehend his relation to a brother, and to the order of which he is an obligated member. Masonry is not a system for those who are determined to remain mentally arrested developments. Men, when they become Masons, must not cease to think, or remain stationary in the course of dis-

covering truth. They must go on and up. Purity of, and complete life are ever the incentives which Masonry inspires. Rancour and bitterness through difference of religious opinion are as un-Masonic as it is possible to imagine. We should feel ashamed of such un-seemly and un-Masonic instincts. Opinion can never hurt any one, much less a society that has adopted exact principle for its guide. If the opinion is erroneous let it be freely expressed, so that it may be analyzed and its error exposed. The brother who holds it will readily part with it, when he is shown that it is erroneous. If it is true, all the greater reason that it should be expressed and made known. Let us be alive to the duty of mutually informing each other and abridging the great abyss of ignorance that lies at our feet.

All force and all motion proceed from centres. The characteristic of nervous action is felt to be a radiation from centres. The heart is a central organ of force from which the whole physical structure is vitalized. It is the first centre from which the process of co-ordination proceeds. From this simple organ or cell the complex compound man is developed. In the structure of plants we see the same arrangement displayed. Trees grow and expand from the centre. The germ of every seed is carefully clothed from the centre to the shell. The centre of light, heat, force and motion of the solar system is the sun. The clouds which we see floating in the atmosphere as they condense, form on centres, and fall towards the centre of the Earth in rain drops in obedience to the force and law of gravitation. Herein we perceive the profound philosophy of that degree in which alone the perfection of Masonry is to be contemplated. The centre is the point of equal and just relations in the moral universe. From the physical centre we deduce the moral centre the point from which error is eliminated or reduced to a minimum. In studying the universe implicit regard must be had to the centre if any value is to attach to our deductions. Every