

ing no evil of so ancient and venerable an institution, are piously disposed to join in our worship of the Almighty Architect, and Father of us all.—While others, who, perhaps, because they are not so well acquainted with the secret of our Order, may be a little prepared for *evil surmise, ridicule or slander*—or, having heard of the secret of Masonry, with the curious and inquisitive hope, that something may, at such a time, be advanced, leading to a discovery.

It is from hence a diffidence naturally arises, lest we should be wanting in our addresses to such different classes of hearers.

But on a subject of so high importance, so universal concern as is contained in the words of my text, there is no one present, I presume, thinks himself unconcerned in the injunction laid upon us by the Apostle; nor doubt, when I affirm, that this society, as a peculiar family or people, *the love of the Brotherhood*;—as candidates for eternity, *the fear of God*;—and as citizens of an earthly kingdom and nation, *the honour of the King*—are three of our brightest jewels—three of our richest ornaments—three of our first and most universally prevailing principles.

That they were not all Israelites, who called themselves of Israel, was an apostolical reproof to some wicked Jews;—that they are not all Christians who bear the name of Christ, is, I believe, what

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