

for consideration and action, and we know that he felt aggrieved that it received so slight mention and many of its topics passed over briefly or not touched upon at all.

The Grand Lodge has for a few years past been occupying the Opera House of Brother Burtis for its sessions and its library, and now owing to the change wrought by the construction of the new bridge and the change of route of the railroad, the Doctor wanted to be released from his contract to furnish a hall for the library.

A proposition to release him not only from that part of it but the whole was introduced, and had the Grand Lodge only have postponed its time of adjournment, would have received two-thirds of all the votes present. But rather than miss the train the resolution was hastily tabled, and the Grand Lodge meets next June at Davenport.

In future, for one, we shall never consent to locate the Grand Lodge until we can have a city of fifty thousand inhabitants and numerous hotels large enough to accommodate the entire membership of the Grand Lodge.—*Evergreen.*

MASONIC FAITH.

Faith plighted is ever to be kept, was a maxim and an axiom even among Pagans. The virtuous Roman said, either let not that which seems expedient be base, or if it be base, let it not seem expedient. What is there which that so-called expediency can bring so valuable as that which it takes away, if it deprive you of the name of a good man and rob you of your integrity and honor? In all ages, he who violates his plighted word has been held unspeakably base. The word of a Mason, like the word of a Knight in the times of chivalry, once given, must be held sacred: and the judgment of his Brothers upon him who violates his pledge, should be as stern as the judgment of the Roman Censors against him who violated his oath. Good faith is revered among Masons as it was among the Romans, who placed its statue in the capitol next to that of Jupiter Maximus Optimus; and we, like them, hold that calamity should always be chosen rather than baseness; and, with the Knight of old, that one should always die rather than be dishonored.

Be faithful therefore, to the promise you make, to the pledges you give, and to the vows you assume, since to break either is base and dishonorable.

Be faithful to your family, and perform all the duties of a good father, and a good son, a good husband, and a good brother.

Be faithful to your friends; for true friendship is of a nature not only to survive through all the vicissitudes of life, but to continue through an endless duration; not only to stand the shock of conflicting opinions, and the roar of a revolution that shakes the world, but to the last when the heavens are no more, and to spring fresh from the universe.

Be faithful to your country, and prefer its dignity and honor to any degree of popularity and honor for yourself, consulting its interests rather than your own, and rather than the pleasure and gratification of the people, which is often at variance with their welfare.

Be faithful to Masonry, which is to be faithful to the best interests of mankind. Labor by precept and example, to elevate the standard of Masonic character, to enlarge its sphere of influence, to popularize its