

versed, as it is the duty of the Steward not only to dispose of tickets, but to collect in contributions from the diners, at the close of the feast, which every guest knows to be a transparent veil over a charitable work, and hence comes prepared to donate much more liberally when the stomach "is with fat capon lined." John Bull is shrewder than Brother Jonathan on some points.—*Masonic Chronicle, Columbus, O.*

THE square teaches us to regulate our actions by rule and line, and harmonize our conduct by the principles of morality and virtue. The compasses teach us to limit our desires in every station, that, rising to eminence by merit, we may live respected and die regretted.

It is not truth which makes men worthy, but the striving after truth. If God in his right hand held every truth, and in his left the one inward impulse after truth, although with the condition that I should err forever, bade me choose, I would humbly incline to his left hand, saying O, Father, give that; pure truth is for Thee alone.—*Lessing.*

SWEET-MINDED WOMEN.—So great is the influence of a sweet minded woman on those around her that it is almost boundless. It is to her that friends come in seasons of sickness and sorrow, for help and comfort. One soothing touch of her kindly hands works wonders in the feverish child; a few words let fall from her lips in the ear of a sorrowing sister, do much to raise the load of grief that is bowing its victim down to the dust in anguish. The husband comes home worn out with the pressure of business, and feeling irritable with the world in general, but when he enters the cozy sitting-room and sees the blaze of the bright fire, and meets his wife's smiling face, he succumbs in a moment to the soothing influences, which act as the balm of Gilead to his wounded spirit. We are all

wearied with combatting with the realities of life. The rough school-boy flies in a rage from the taunts of his companion, to find solace in the mother's smile; the little one, full of grief with its own large trouble, finds a haven of rest on its mother's breast; and so one may go on with instances of the influence a sweet-minded woman has in the social life with which she is connected. Beauty is an insignificant power when compared with hers.—*Liberal Freemason.*

In the earliest days of operative Masonry, the great object of the master builders was to erect beautiful and substantial edifices, with foundations so deeply laid, and superstructures so skilfully cemented together, that the ravages of time might be defied, and their magnificent specimens of skill, surviving for ages, should be monuments to future generations of their genius and greatness. When speculative succeeded operative Masonry, the great and good who were its founders had a nobler end in view. Their ambition was of a loftier and more exalted type—to elevate their race, to render man a wiser and happier being, and to inculcate those sublime doctrines of eternal truth, a knowledge and practice of which would fit them as living stones in that Spiritual Temple, that house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.—*Selected.*

FREEMASONRY is strictly a moral institution, and the principles which it teaches, tends to make the brother who obeys their dictates a more virtuous man. The morality of Freemasonry requires us to deal justly with others, not to defraud, cheat, or wrong them of their just dues and rights. We are to minister to the wants of the destitute and afflicted. It strictly enjoins industry and frugality, that so our hands may ever be filled with the means of exercising that charity to which our hearts should ever dispose us,