

“The obligation to assist a brother in distress is sacred. Henceforth you shall live with us and fare as we do. The God who replenishes the widow’s cruse of oil will not suffer those who assist the starving to come to harm through their charities.”

The starving man was saved, and it will be a pleasure to the reader to know that all arrived in California safely. They were overtaken by a more fortunate train from which they procured a store of provisions that sufficed them to their journey’s end. The name of the Mason who thus responded to his obligation has escaped our memory, or we would put it upon record, but often have we heard the man who was ready to perish when Masonry brought him aid, declare that he should have died in the wilderness had he not been saved by the fraternal obligation.—*The Trowel.*

SACRED NAMES.

In many of the religious ceremonies of the Ancients, the initiated were finally intrusted with a mysterious word having reference to the Supreme Being or Omnipotence. The Egyptian word was *On*; that of the Hindoos *Om*, compressed from the Tri-literal word *Aum*, representing the creating, preserving and destroying powers of the Deity, and typifying therefore the Indian trinity, Brahma, Vishnu and Siva. The Chinese, Japanese and Ceylonese, who practiced Buddhism, used the word *O-Mi-To-Fo* to signify Omnipotence. The sacred term of the Tibetians was *Om-ha*. The Druids hummed the sacred name in a manner known only to themselves, but used the letters *O. I. W.* The mysterious name of some of the North American Indians is curious from its similarity to that of the Jews. They call their supreme god *Isbtobollo*; but they have also a tetragrammaton never used in common speech, compounded of four notes and confined to their most sacred ceremonies. It consists of syllables *Ya, O, He, Wab*, thus composing the word *Yo-He-Wah*. The veneration with which the Pagans made use of the name of the Deity should be an instructive lesson to those who daily abuse it. Far from being introduced into general discourse, it was considered a subject for devout and private meditation. Cicero says they did not dare to mention the names of their gods, and Lucan states that but to name the Name would shake the earth.—*C. G. Forsyth, in the London Freemason.*

At the last regular communication of “Mount Moriah” Lodge, No. 226, Montreal, W. Bro. McCoy was the recipient of a very handsome Past Master’s Jewel, as a token of the esteem and good-will in which he is held by the brethren.

At the Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, held on the 5th Feb., and at an especial communication of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, held on the 26th Jan., congratulatory addresses were adopted upon the recovery of the Prince of Wales from his recent dangerous illness.