

together. Without the spirit of fraternity the Craft is nothing—if we are not Brothers, we are strangers and enemies. One of the highest duties of the Master of a Lodge is to see that this spirit of fraternity is maintained within the limits of his jurisdiction in its purity, simplicity and integrity. It is the very bond of peace and all perfectness. Without it there is no Freemasonry.

One thing is certain—in the Lodge, as in the profane world, men will not stately meet together unless they are interested in what occurs. It is a primary duty, therefore, for a Master to make the proceedings of his Lodge interesting. The humdrum way some Masters have of doing business, the lame and laggard manner in which they tarry over everything they do, is enough to drive any Brother from the Lodge. Life and briskness are indispensable in this age of movement. If we were all Methuselahs, expecting to live a thousand years, the Master *might* open his Lodge an hour late, occupy five minutes in putting a motion, halt in the work at pleasure until he could recall what he ought to say, and behave generally like a man of leisure, with no responsibility to “act in the living present.” But this world at the present time is a busy one, life is short, and “be as expeditious as possible” is advice which the Master ought to take as well as give.

The Masonic officer who realizes all of his responsibilities! what a jewel he is! Let Masonry make more such jewels, ever esteeming them highly, rewarding them with due appreciation, and honoring their memories when they are translated to the Lodge above.—*Keystone.*

Any one sending to this office a copy of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Canada for the years 1858, '59 and '60, and a copy of Grand Chapter of Canada Proceedings for 1877, will confer a great favor, or a reasonable price will be paid for them.

FREEMASONS LOYAL.

“On May 15, 1800, the King was fired at from the pit of Drury Lane Theatre, and at a Special Grand Lodge, held June 8, the Earl of Moira, (afterwards Marquis of Hastings), informed the brethren that it had been convened for the purpose of considering a suitable address to be presented to His Majesty.”

The Acting Grand Master “took occasion, in the course of his Speech, to allude to certain modern publications holding forth to the world the society of Masons as a league against constituted authorities; an imputation the more secure because the known conditions of our Fellowship make it certain that no answer can be published. It is not to be disputed, that in countries where impolitic prohibitions restrict the communication of sentiment, the activity of the human mind may, among other means of baffling the control, have resorted to the artifice of borrowing the denomination of Free Masons, to cover meetings for seditious purpose, just as any other description might be assumed for the same object. But, in the first place, it is the invaluable distinction of this free country that such a just intercourse of opinions exists, without restraint, as cannot leave to any number of men the desire of forming or frequenting those disguised societies where dangerous dispositions may be imbibed; and secondly, profligate doctrines, which have been nurtured in any such self established assemblies, could never have been tolerated for a moment in any Lodge meeting under regular authority. We aver that not only such laxity of opinion has no sort of connection with the tenets of Masonry, but is diametrically opposed to the injunction which we regard as the foundation stone of the Lodge, namely, “Fear God and Honor the King.” In confirmation